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Public and private agencies have been fighting blister rust on selected white pine areas in the Northwest for 25 years. In only eight of these years, 1933-1940, under the emergency work relief programs did the control work approach actual requirements. In spite of the handicaps of extreme fluctuations in size of the programs and the inadequacy of the small program of recent years, the control program to date has protected substantial white pine values. Conservative estimates based on field surveys indicate that young white pine stands which will produce at least 5 billion board feet at maturity have been completely protected from blister rust. This stumpage at \$13 per MBF will be worth \$65,000,000. In addition, a potential 7.2 billion board feet of white pine exists in partially protected stands which should have a value of \$94,000,000 at maturity if blister rust control is completed. In accomplishing this, \$17,000,000 (including emergency relief work programs) have been expended for ribes eradication in the control of white pine blister rust in the Northwest.

Blister rust infection occurring before control is established has tended to discredit the effectiveness of the control program. An average of 28 percent of the potential white pine stumpage became infected on the high priority areas before ribes eradication and the loss will be greater on those areas where control work is not yet completed. It is obvious that losses occurring before control is established make the per MBF cost of protecting the healthy residual trees that much greater.

Improved management of white pine lands and new developments in ribes eradication methods are reducing costs of blister rust control. Attention is being given in management to grow all white pine possible in the units protected from blister rust. The Forest Service is definitely committed to this policy. State and private foresters are giving attention to forest practices which will lessen the blister rust control job and produce the maximum of white pine on lands where control work is being performed. Developments in chemicals and methods of applying them in ribes eradication have already reduced costs in the last two years and further important benefits from this field are to be expected. Other new practices in ribes eradication have recently been employed to great advantage and their use is being expanded as experience and application permit. Important in the long term picture is a project for the propagation of white pine resistant to blister rust which was started in the Inland Empire in 1949. Brief statements of this work and other highlights of the 1949 season are presented below.

An adequate and a stable blister rust program is needed for both public and private lands best suited for the growing of white pine and the owner of private timber lands needs assurance of sustained federal assistence if this important natural resource is to be maintained in amounts commensurate to its value to the region and the nation.

Progress in 1949

The agencies directly engaged in ribes eradication for the control of white pine blister rust in the Northwestern Region were the same as in previous years The field programs were as follows:

First Sulpation are from substituted participation and avail to	Number Camps	Number Workers
Filest Lake Timber Protective Associations	7	
U. S. Forest Service		1,073
National Park Service	_3	76
Total	37	1,392

A total of 53,000 acres was worked in 1949, representing 400 acres more than were worked in 1948. Also, 3,000 less effective man-days were used in 1949. This increased production in 1949 was due to improved work methods and in part to better labor. Men of college age were available in sufficient numbers and they proved to be more stable and qualified than the youthful labor which has comprised the bulk of the force since 1941.

Rework to complete protection on the high priority areas of reproduction and pole size white pine is adding acreages to the maintenance classification each year. Many areas of reproduction apparently in a satisfactory condition are withheld from this classification until subsequent inspections have shown that no new rust infection is appearing on white pine. In 1949, 19,000 acres were placed on maintenance while 6,000 acres of previously protected area reverted to an unworked status as a result of logging operations.

48-Hour Work Week

The 48-hour work week as started in 1948, again was highly advantageous to the project. By reducing the ratio of fixed and other overhead charges to wages paid for ribes eradication and by eliminating much labor turnover, the longer work week lowers effective man-day costs by 16 to 20 percent. Fire duty cut heavily into the working season and without the Saturday work as provided in the 48-hour week, the blister rust control season would have been critically shortened. With a short operating season and labor upon which the project must depend available for less than 3 months, a 48-hour week is a necessity.

Spread of the Rust

Scouting in 1949 for the spread of blister rust in the Northwestern Region found an extension of the known limits of rust on both ribes and white pine. Infected white pine, Pinus flexilis or P. albicaulis, were found for the first time in Park, Madison, and Lewis and Clark Counties of Montana. The most significant of these is the one in Park County, 2 miles north of Yellowstone

National Park. Infected ribes were found for the first time in Park and Fremont Counties of Wyoming and Lemhi County of Idaho. The infection in Fremont County is an extension of 100 miles east and 50 miles south of previously located infection near Jackson, Wyoming. The new location is 12 miles west of Lander, Wyoming. The ribes infection in Park County is an easterly extension of 38 miles and is 12 miles east of Yellowstone National Park.

Ribes Eradication by Chemical Methods

Chemical methods for ribes eradication were expanded in 1949 and results point toward increased use as techniques and equipment are improved.

Lower prices for 2,4,5-T would also help. A summary of chemical work in 1949 is as follows: 2,200 acres treated, 3,900 man-days, and 71,000 gallons of chemical used. Ribes populations on treated areas ranged from 200 to 1,000 per acre. The work was done entirely with 2,4,5-T, except for 23 acres treated with Ammate. Ammate and 2,4,5-T were used to advantage by hand crews to treat decapitated crowns of ribes difficult to pull.

The knapsack and trombone pump, the Hi-Fog gun, and the power sprayer have been the principal equipment used in chemical ribes eradication methods. In 1949, a turbine blower mounted on a turntable and trailer was tried. These trials indicate that the blower may have extensive use in cutover areas, since survey records show that about 90 percent of the ribes on such ground occur within a chain of the roads and cat trails. Ribes and brush were also sprayed with 2,4,5-T from a helicopter. This method may prove feasible, but additional experimentation is necessary before its practicality is determined.

Contracting Ribes Eradication

Year	By Contract	By Camp Labor	Total	Percentage Contracted	Average Bid Price Per Acre
	Acres	Acres	Acres	Percent	Dollars
1947	180	81,020	81,200	0.2	7.24
1948	830	51,770	52,600	1.6	13.20
1949	3,040	49,960	53,000	5.7	13.43

In 1949, ribes eradication by contract advanced to a practical basis with 50 contracts awarded and work successfully completed on 3,040 acres. Extensions to June 30, 1950, were granted on other contracts where awards were made late in the season. Two national forests and one cooperative project of the Bureau awarded 42 of the contracts. It will take time for the other six operations to attract sufficient responsible bidders to equal the progress made by the other three operations. The acceptance of contracting by blister rust control supervisors is practically unanimous, and all feel that it has a definite place in the program. Difficulties have been experienced on forests which are starting the work, but once a number of interested contractors accumulate in a territory, these problems seem to disappear. Areas with more difficult working conditions are being put up for contract work than in 1947 which accounts for the higher average bid prices. Ribes eradication by contract is being accomplished

at about a 25 percent lower cost than by labor under force account. As competition among bidders increases, contract prices have come down.

Resistant White Pines

A project was started to establish arboretums of western white pine resistant to blister rust. The arboretums are to be located where the trees will be continually exposed to blister rust infection and away from pollen from nonresistant white pine. The arboretums will provide for the natural elimination of nonresistant trees and eventually become possible seed sources for the production of resistant strains. Fourteen western white pines, very resistant to blister rust since each is growing in a heavy blister rust infection center and has not become infected, have been located, carefully examined, and described. Scionwood from eight of these trees has been grafted on 5-year-old nursery transplants provided by the Forest Service. A total of about 150 grafts have been attempted. Grafts of the veneer, cleft, whip, and bud types are included. Experimental work on rooting western white pine cuttings is proceeding with 6,500 cuttings now undergoing screening trials to determine the best methods for rooting the cuttings. If western white pine cuttings can be rooted, materials from the 14 resistant trees will be propagated by this method as well as by grafting. Grafting and cutting propagation is being continued through the winter. Intraspecific pollinations among the resistant trees will be made next season. A 2 acre arboretum site has been prepared in Randolph Creek, not far distant from the Forest Service tree nursery at Haugan, Montana, and will be used for planting such grafted or other resistant tree material propagated from cuttings, as may be ready in the 1950 season.

The Office of Blister Rust Control is heading up work on this project. Cooperation and assistance of the Forest Service is being secured in several phases of the work. The Division of Forest Pathology, already actively cooperating with various agencies in the propagation and testing of rust resistant eastern white pine, has requested cuttings from western white pines for use in special propagating tests. They may also be able to provide some manpower during the pollinating season.

Publications

"Development of a Blister Rust Control Policy for the National Forests in the Inland Empire" by Donald N. Matthews and S. Blair Hutchison. This comprehensive report following a 2-year study of the blister rust problem in the Inland Empire, was issued by the Forest Service in Region One in December 1948 and distributed in 1949. It points out the importance of white pine to the Inland Empire and the justification for its protection from blister rust.

SUMMARY OF PROGRESS

A summary of blister rust control activities in the Northwestern Region is presented in the following tables:

TABLE 1

SUMMARY OF RIBES ERADICATION BY STATES AND OPERATING AGENCIES - 1949

	Operating Agency	First Working Second Wo			cond Work	ing Other Workings				All Working	38	Per .	Acre	Number	Total		
State		Acres	Destroyed Ribes	Man-Days		Destroyed Ribes	Man-Days		Destroyed Ribes	Man-Days	Acres	Destroyed Ribes	Man-Days	Ribes	Man- Days		Seasonal Employees
	BEPQ	690	42,000	490	5,280	169,000	4,930	3,710	70,000	2,300	9,680	281,000	7,720	29	.80	7	243
Idaho	FS	4,170	513,000	4,710	10,010	269,000	7,340	20,790	335,000	14,720	34,970	1,117,000	26,770	32	.77	21	827
	Subtotal	4,860	555,000	5,200	15,290	438,000	12,270	24,500	405,000	17,020	44,650	1,398,000	34,490	31	.77	28	1,070
	FS	2,670	401,000	4,680	1,740	56,000	1,620	90	6,000	130	4,500	463,000	6,430	103	1.43	4	210
Montana	NPS	370	137,000	845	150	25,000	224	200	20,000	272	720	182,000	1,341	252	1.86	1	27
	Subtotal	3,040	538,000	5,525	1,890	81,000	1,844	290	26,000	402	5,220	645,000	7,771	124	1.49	5	237
	FS	80	50,000	300	90	7,000	40	470	95,000	710	640	152,000	1,050	238	1.64	2	36
Washington	NPS				360	20,000	328	180	25,000	244	540	45,000	572	84	1.06	1	10
	Subtotal	80	50,000	300	450	27,000	368	650	120,000	954	1,180	197,000	1,622	167	1.37	3	46
Wyoming	NPS	1,820	405,000	1,900	80	1,000	39				1,900	406,000	1,939	214	1.02	1	39
	BEPO	690	42,000	490	5,280	169,000	4,930	3,710	70,000	2,300	9,680	281,000	7,720	29	.80	7	243
All States	FS	6,920	964,000	9,690	11,840	332,000	9,000	21,350	436,000	15,560	40,110	1,732,000	34,250	43	.85	27	1,073
	NPS	2,190	542,000	2,745	590	46,000	591	380	45,000	516	3,160	633,000	3,852	200	1.22	3	76
	Total	9,800	1,548,000	12,925	17,710	547,000	14,521	25,440	551,000	18,376	52,950	2,646,000	45,822	50	.87	37	1,392

TABLE 2

ACREAGE WORKED BY LAND OWNERSHIP - 1949

Land Ownership	First Working Acres	Second Working Acres	Other Workings Acres	All Workings Acres
National Forest Region 1	6,070	11,860	16,860	34,790
National Park	2,190	590	380	3,160
Public Domain			210	210
State and Private	1,540	5,260	7,990	14,790
Total	9,800	17,710	25,440	52,950

TABLE 3

SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES - FEDERAL AND COOPERATIVE - 1949

	Federal Funds					Cooperative					
State	Entomolo Plant Que W-a.14			Park Service	Total Federal Funds	Direct Aid	Indirect Ald	Total (Direct and Indirect Aid)	Total All Funds	Expenditures Ribes Eradication	
Idaho	\$ 95.700	\$99,452	\$726,066		\$ 921,218	\$36,020	\$2,000	\$38,020	\$ 959,238	\$ 816,265	
Mont.	16,380			\$30,506	225,801		1,000	1,000	226,801	199,348	
Wash.	16,113		30,765	11,901	58,779		1,000	1,000	59,779	40,613	
Colo.	1,800				1,800		200	200	2,000		
Wyo.	4.734			33,828	38,562				38,562	33,828	
Total	\$134.727	\$99,452	\$935,746	\$76,235	\$1,246,160	\$36,020	\$4,200	\$40,220	\$1,286,380	\$1,090,054	

TABLE A

STATUS OF RIBES ERADICATION BY STATES - ALL OWNERSHIPS, DECEMBER 31, 1949

Accumulative Series - Net

	Total Acres		T ENDEREN E		0.0000		11 11 11 11 11		Rem	aining Work
	White	Control Area	First Working		Second Working Other Work		On Main	ntenance	Unworked	Requiring Rework
State	Pine	(Wh.P.& Prot.Zone)	Acres	Percent	Acres	Acres	Acres	Percent	Acres	Acres
Idaho	1,928,000	2,255,000	1,509,000	67	449,000	158,000	491,000	22	746.000	1,018,000
Montana	205,140	213,140	145,140	68	21,619	8,569	80,846	38	68,000	64,294
Washington	142,100	153,100	117,100	76	45,900	24,880	34,000	22	36,000	83,100
Wyoming	9,600	9,600	9,200	96	1,558	152	5,580	58	400	3,620
Colorado	6,000	6,000		100					6,000	
Total	2,290,840	2,636,840	1,780,440	68	518,077	191,601	611,426	23	856,400	1,169,014

TABLE B

SUMMARY OF STATUS OF RIBES ERADICATION BY LAND OWNERSHIP, DECEMBER 31, 1949

Accumulative Series - Net

	Total Acres						-			aining Work
	White	Control Area	First W	orking	Second Working	Other Workings	On Main	tenance	Unworked	Requiring Rework
Land Ownership	Pine	(Th.P.& Prot.Zone)	Acres	Percent	Acres	Acres	Acres	Percent	Acres	Acres
National Forests R-1	1,195,000	1,405,000	1,070,000	76	307,000	100,000	354,000	25	335,000	716,000
National Parks	24,840	24,840	18,440	74	9,077	12,601	11,426	47	6,400	7,014
Public Domain	21,000	30,000	17,000	57	6,000	3,000	7,000	23	13,000	10,000
Subtotal - Interior	45,840	54,840	35,440	65	15,077	15,601	18,426	34	19,400	17,014
State and Private Lands	1,050,000	1,177,000	675,000	57	196,000	76,000	239,000	20	502,000	436,000
Total	2,290,840	2,636,840	1,780,440	68	518,077	191,601	611,426	23	856,400	1,169,014

COOPERATIVE BLISTER RUST CONTROL ON STATE AND PRIVATE LANDS Herman E. Swanson, Regional Leader Calendar Year 1949

The cooperative blister rust control program on state and private lands in the State of Idaho was administered by the Bureau of Entomology and Plant Quarantine in cooperation with the State of Idaho and the Clearwater, Potlatch, and Priest Lake Timber Protective Associations. The federal, state and private funds allotted to this work in recent years have made it possible to reach but very little of the good state and private white pine lands which require immediate control work to prevent further damage to the stands.

Through field conferences and discussions with officials of the State of Idaho and the Timber Protective Associations, attention is being directed to the serious losses occurring in the stands and also to the value of the accomplishments of control even under a small program. For example, a 1949 survey on a 1,100-acre tract of intermingled state and private lands near Pierce, Idaho, supporting white pine 50 years old showed 42 percent blister rust damage before protection from blister rust was completed. With an original potential stumpage of 34 million board feet at 120 years, the yield will be only 20 million after subtracting blister rust losses. Charging all blister rust costs on the area to the 20 million board feet which has been saved, the average cost is \$0.50 per MBF which includes \$0.44 for initial working and rework and \$0.06 for future maintenance. Ribes eradication in stands of this age is less costly than the work in younger classes.

All efforts possible under the present program are being made to complete protection in the units containing the best pole size and reproduction stands. Within these units also where mature stands are present, operators are encouraged to follow cutting practices which will minimize the ribes problem and insure an abundant regeneration of white pine seedlings. This concentration of growing and protecting white pine will produce substantial timber volumes even under a small blister rust control program.

Chemical eradication of ribes on cutover lands in state and private ownership looks very promising. Good results have already been obtained, but new equipment, especially the turbine blower, may revolutionize the method of attacking cutover areas where logging roads and cat trails are present.

Descriptions of the cooperative work on the Clearwater, Potlatch, and Priest Lake Timber Protective Associations are to be found in the Clearwater, St. Joe, and Kaniksu operation reports. A summary of the 1949 cooperative program follows.

1. Allotments

<u>Agency</u>	Call raid	Fiscal Year 1949	Fiscal Year 1950*
Federal (BEPQ) State of Idaho Clearwater T.P.A. Potlatch T.P.A. Priest Lake T.P.A.		\$111,000 20,000 6,531 5,430 4 ₂ 055	\$107,350 25,000 6,530 5,430 4,055
Total		\$147,016	\$148 ₃ 365

^{*}Approximate

2. Field Program and Expenditures - Calendar Year 1949

Operation	Number Camps	Number Workers	State and Private Funds	Federal Funds_	Total Funds
Clearwater St. Joe (Potlatch) Kaniksu (Priest Lake)	3 3 <u>1</u>	101 115 27	\$14,097 11,702 10,221	\$43,022 44,473 11,957	\$ 57,119 56,175 22,178
Total	7	243	\$36,020	\$99,452	\$135,472

Notes: (1) Kaniksu (Priest Lake) includes \$4,586 of contract work.

(2) Division of State and Private funds for 1949.

State of Idaho \$20,003, T.P.A. \$16,017; for period 1928-1948, State of Idaho \$263,499, T.P.A. \$215,223, Total \$478,722.

3. Cooperative Ribes Eradication in Idaho, 1949

	Initial		Total			Per	Acre
	Work	Rework	Worked	Man		Man-	Different
Operation	Acres	Acres	Acres	Days	Ribes	Days,	Ribes
Clearwater	690	2,110	2,800	2,740	187,000	. 98	67
St. Joe	-	5,390	5,390	3,870	63,000	.72	12
Kaniksu	e	1,490	1,490	1,110	_31,000	.74	21
Total	690	8,990	9,680	7,720	281,000	.80	29

4. State and Private Lands Worked, 1949

State	First Working Acres	Second Working Acres	Third Working Acres	Total Worked Acres
Idaho Washington	1,540	5,260	7,840 150	14,640 150
Total	1,540	5,260	7,990	14,790

5. Net Progress on State and Private Lands, 1923-1949

State	First Working Acres	Second Working Acres	Third Working Acres	Maintenance Acres	Unworked Acres	Control Area Total Acres
Idaho Montana Washington	632,000 20,000 23 ₂ 000	181,000 3,000 _12,000	69,000 2,000 5,000	218,000 14,000 7,000	482,000 15,000 5,000	1,114,000 35,000 28,000
Total	675,000	196,000	7 6 ₉ 000	239,000	502,000	1,177,000

REGIONAL SUMMARY FOR NATIONAL FOREST OPERATIONS

Calendar Year 1949

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The individual operations' reports prepared jointly by the Bureau and Forest Service men in charge of the six operations involving National Forest units include the pertinent details concerning them. The discussion which follows summarizes the Regional situation briefly with respect to some of the major parts of the action program and points out the direction we are taking in shaping up the program for National Forest lands.

In general, the past season was one of the best in the history of the project with respect to accomplishment. On the whole, the quality of labor was better than at any time since prewar days. The average age of men recruited was higher, the men worked better, and turnover was less. A general tightening of supervision all along the line resulted in better weeding of the gold bricks and the unfit either by quitting or discharge.

The drive to reduce both over-all and man-day costs is continuing. Progress was made in contracting, chemical methods, and in the application of the one-man method. The latter offers the most promising means for improving production and at the same time improving the quality of hand eradication work with hired crews of any innovation of recent times. The Clearwater adaptation of individual acre block assignments and a rating scheme based on both amount and quality of work per man, per crew, and per camp is considered an excellent application of the scheme. It is being seriously considered for application on a Region-wide basis.

The six-day week has resulted in much greater effectiveness of all crews and is a very definite forward step in cost reduction.

Controlled burning to reduce eradication costs was done on two forests. On the Kaniksu, a heavy concentration of ribes in dense brush and heavy fuels at the head of Kalispell Creek was partially burned out. Follow-up to complete the burn is planned. The eventual cost of eradication is expected to be reduced by at least 75 percent. Following the burn, broadcast spraying of seedlings will be a matter of 1 or 2 man-days per acre versus 6 to 10 under conditions as they were - about 600 acres are involved. An area of 200 acres of extremely heavy ribes was burned out on Preston Creek on the St. Joe. A very good burn was made. Cleanup by spraying will be relatively easy. In both cases, the areas burned contained very little reproduction and the heavy ribes concentrations threatened valuable stands of planted or natural pine in high priority units. In both cases, planting will follow. White pine will be planted within the area of protection and Douglas fir, spruce, or cedar in the protection strip, according to the site. Early planting of these species is planned. White pine planting will be deferred until the area has been made safe. This policy will apply to all white pine planting. The production of white pine at Savenac and and other nurseries which may be developed in the region will be correlated with the plans developed under unit analyses.

Investigation of chemical methods is moving forward under Bureau direction. As fast as new chemicals and methods of application are proven, they are put into practice on an administrative scale.

Analysis of the white pine units has been a continuing project throughout the year. A first run of these units under the scheme set up by the Matthews-Hutchison study was made last year. The need for boundary changes and better basic information was disclosed in many cases. Some revision of the specifications for the disease-stocking survey were indicated. These were worked out jointly by the Bureau, N.R.M. Station, and Division of Timber Management in the Regional Office. The survey was pushed forward into new units and "fill in" strips were run in certain units where more intensive information was needed. The project was financed by the Region. Technical direction and general supervision were again in the hands of R. T. Bingham.

Early in the summer, Don Moore, formerly in charge of the National Forest operation on the St. Joe, was transferred to the Division of Timber Management to assist in the unit analysis work. The information needed for the completion of all units to be considered in any probable program has been assembled. Reanalysis of these units is going ahead and is expected to be complete by Februar Before spring we expect to have the program for National Forests set up on the basis of these analyses and shaped to fit the needs of the regional economy with respect to the production of the greatest amount of pine for the dollars expende Community and industry dependency will be considered. Each unit analysis considers the work done, the work remaining to be done, and the timing necessary for most effective control at least cost. Each one provides for the complete integration of all phases of white pine management and represents an integral part of the whole which can be placed in or removed from a given size program without affecting other units.

The expenditures and progress in blister rust control by the U. S. Forest Service are summarized in the following tables:

1. Expenditures in 1949

Clearwater St. Joe Coeur d'Alene Kaniksu Cabinet Kootenai	\$175,189 261,184 177,367 143,091 94,215 84,2700
Total	\$935,746

2. Expenditures 1930-1949

Forest	Regular Funds	Emergency Funds	Total
Clearwater St. Joe Coeur d'Alene Kaniksu	\$1,513,162 2,829,119 1,652,201 1,614,670	\$ 413,455 383,340 669,810 458,055	\$ 1,926,617 3,212,459 2,322,011 2,072,725
Kootenai Cabinet	459,482 652,124 \$8,720,758	28,233 258,477 \$2,211,370	487,715 910,601 \$10,932,128

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3. Ribes Eradication by Forest Service Crews in 1949

	Initial Worked	Rework	Total Worked			Per Ac	re
Forest	_Acres	Acres	Acres	Man-Days	Ribes	Man-Days	Ribes
Clearwater	1,970	7,870	9,840	5,650	319,000	. 57	32
St. Joe	1,510	14,220	15,730	11,290	484,000	.72	31
Coeur d'Alene	220	4,410	4,630	6,010	242,000	1.30	52
Kaniksu	540	4,870	5,410	4,870	224,000	.90	41
Cabinet	1,640	840	2,480	3,700	192,000	1.49	77
Kootenai	1,040	980	2,020	2,730	271,000	1.35	134
Total	6,920	33,190	40,110	34,250	1,732,000	.85	43

4. Net Progress on National Forest Lands, 1923-1949

Forest	First Working _Acres	Second Working Acres	Third Working Acres	Maintenance Acres	Unworked Acres	Total Acres
Clearwater	153,000	59,000	17,000	40,000	47,000	200,000
St. Joe	217,000	95,000	43,000	70,000	97,000	314,000
Coeur d'Alene	309,000	58,000	18,000	87,000	52,000	361,000
Kaniksu	271,000	80,000	18,000	94,000	86,000	357,000
Cabinet	65,000	10,000	4,000	31,000	9,000	74,000
Kootenai	55,000	5,000		_32,000	44,000	99,000
Total	1,070,000	307,000	100,000	354,000	335,000	1,405,000

BLISTER RUST CONTROL ON NATIONAL PARKS Herman E. Swanson, Regional Leader Calendar Year 1949

Reports have been prepared for blister rust control in Mount Rainier, Glacier, and Yellowstone National Parks. The following discussion briefly summarizes the situation for these parks in the Northwestern Region.

In Mount Rainier, the mop-up work of the last 2 years has eradicated by the use of 2,4,5-T serious concentrations of ribes in stream bottoms and on precipitous slopes within and adjacent to the control area boundaries. As mentioned in previous reports, the blister rust damage in Rainier has been heavy, but this condition should be considerably checked by the recent ribes eliminations.

In Glacier, work is progressing very well on the important control areas and large scale work was completed in 1949. Immediate future annual requirements call for a small rework crew with a slight increase when the Oldman Lake area is due for rework.

In Yellowstone, work is practically up to schedule although fire duty shortened the 1949 season considerably. Fortunately the majority of the ribes has been eradicated on the control areas ahead of the finding of rust on pine. Infection on ribes has been found in many places in the park and also beyond the park to the east and south. The nearest known blister rust infection on white pine is in Sunlight Creek 2 miles north of the park boundary.

In view of the more efficient methods of ribes eradication recently developed, the Bureau has suggested to National Park officials that consideration be given to adding 3,500 acres to the Mount Washburn control area. This expansion would bring most of the head of the Carnelian Creek drainage representing an excellent stand of Pinus albicaulis under protection. The present control area is so small that much of it represents protection zone only. The recommended larger area, by virtue of its size and more advantageous use of topographic features as boundaries, would largely be protected area.

Expenditures and accomplishments in blister rust control are presented in the following summaries:

1. Expenditures by National Park Service

National Park	Calendar Year 1949	All Years
Mount Rainier Glacier Yellowstone Rocky Mountain	\$11,901 30,506 33,828	\$134,684 131,537 137,182 742
Total	\$76,235	\$404,145

2. Ribes Eradication in 1949

	First	1	Other	Tet ol			Per A	cre
National Park	Acres	Acres	Workings Acres		Man-Days	Ribes	Man-Days	Ribes
Mount Rainier	# y	360	180	540	572	45,000	1.06	83
Glacier	370	150	200	720	1,341	182,000	1.86	253
Yellowstone	12820	80		1,900	1,939	406,000	1.02	214
Total	2,190	590	380	3,160	3,852	633,000	1.22	200

3. Gross Acreage Worked 1930-1949

	First	Second	Other Workings	Total			Per A	cre
National Park	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres Ma	n-Days	Ribes	Man⊸Da <u>y</u> s	Ribes
Mount Rainier Glacier Yellowstone	8,263 5,140 9,200	4,687 3,619 1,558	10,100 2,569 152	23,050 2 11,328 1 10,910	2,416	2,420,000 1,260,000 1,150,000	1.07 1.10 .77	105 111 105
Total	22,603	9,864	12,821	45,288 4	5,390	4,830,000	1.00	107

4. Work Status in the Net Control Area

National Park	First Working Acres	Second Working Acres	Other Workings Acres	Maintenance Acres	Unworked Acres	Control Area Acres
Mount Rainier Glacier Yellowstone	4,100* 5,140 9,200	3,900 3,619 1,558	9,880 2,569 152	3,000 2,846 5,580	400	4,100* 5,140 9,600**
Rocky Mountain	100 	40 (************************************	to to	-	6,000	_62000**
Total	18,440	9,077	12,601	11,426	6,400	24,840

^{* 510} acres added in 1949 as result of resurvey.

^{**} Final acreage to be determined.

BLISTER RUST CONTROL, INLAND EMPIRE, 1949

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Introduction

The integration of ribes eradication methods and continued refinements of techniques are producing better results on all operations. The one-man dragline method, contracting of ribes eradication work, and chemical methods were all factors contributing to greater accomplishments.

Chemical Methods

With a killing chemical and an efficient means of application to meet varying conditions, it is now possible to combine chemical methods with hand methods to achieve lower costs. The hormone chemical 2,4,5-T kills all species of ribes in the Inland Empire and was used on all operations. Truck-mounted power sprayers were used in accessible areas to eliminate ribes concentrations in the upland and stream type. A high percentage of this work was done on recent burns and cutover areas before the pine had become established. Many such areas were treated with a broadcast spray. Last season's experience led to improvements in laying out areas and in spraying techniques. The spray nozzles were also improved. Much remains to be accomplished in developing more suitable equipment.

Hi-Fog guns and knapsack spray units were used to eradicate small scattered ribes concentrations when power units and hand pulling were not practical. Where a supply of water was available, the old knapsack units were used since they give a more complete application and a higher degree of kill.

A recent development is the use of a Buffalo turbine blower. The unit, which is mounted on a turntable, is carried on a trailer. The blower's nozzle can be turned in a complete circle, and the chemical directed at any angle. One man is required to operate the blower and one the equipment to tow it. The turbine generates a wind velocity of 150 miles per hour at the nozzle. When the chemical is introduced into the air stream, it becomes finely atomized and envelopes the brush with a fine fog-like mist. A highly concentrated chemical solution is used and only enough is applied to completely cover a given area. The unit will have its greatest use on stream type and logged over lands. Stream type can be treated when roads parallel the stream. On logged over lands, the abundant roadside ribes can be sprayed and where roads are close together, large acreages can be completely covered by spraying the intervening ground from opposite directions. Field trials show that from 3 to 8 acres an hour can be treated.

Experimental tests, using a helicopter to dispense chemical of varying concentrations, were carried on for the first time in this region. The objectives were: (1) to study the possibilities of killing heavy brush and ribes occurring on burns endangering adjacent white pine stands, (2) to determine if the dead brush could be burned, opening the site for planting. It will not be possible to accurately determine results of tests until next season.

One-Man Dragline Method

With more experience in the one-man dragline method, improvements were made which increased both output and efficiency. Charts were maintained showing production and efficiency of individual workers. By keeping a close check on efficiency and production of the workers, some operations were able to materially reduce supervisory overhead. The constant knowledge of his progress was more of an incentive to a worker than constant supervision.

The training charts were revised to cover the one-man dragline method. Special attention was given to depicting proper techniques of search and of systematicall covering the ground. Supervisory personnel gave special attention to "on the job training since this is basic to successful performance under the one-man dragline method.

Ribes Eradication Contracting

Contracts were awarded on five of the six operations. On the Coeur d'Alene and Kaniksu, a substantial part of the work was accomplished under the contract system Savings of 25 percent were estimated. Of particular significance is the fact that several isolated areas were worked under contract, eliminating the necessity of costly camp installations. On the Kaniksu and Coeur d'Alene operations, increasing numbers of workers are becoming interested, which creates competition tending to lower bid prices. When contracting becomes established on other operations, a similar development should follow.

SURVEYS

1. Checking

Checking was generally organized to aid ribes eradication work. Checkers assisted in laying out work lanes and marking off the lots. Checks were made by individual lots and were kept close to the current work, so that workers could be constantly informed as to the efficiency of their work. All operations carried on post check when possible. This phase of the work, postponed during and immediate after the war, is gradually being brought up to date.

2. Mt. Spokane Stocking-Rust Damage Survey

A survey was run on lands in the vicinity of Mt. Spokane and in Spirit Creek in October to determine the status of this area. Control work on these lands was discontinued with the end of the WPA program. The results of the survey show the need for properly timed workings in young stands until a stabilized vegetative cover has become established. Damage to reproduction over much of the area is too high to warrant further control efforts. It appears that the older pole stands on Mt. Spokane have been given sufficient protection to bring them through to maturity.



The Buffalo turbine blower operating on cutover areas.

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3. Stocking-Blister Rust Damage Survey

Data secured on the basis of the comprehensive stocking-blister rust damage surveys helped determine the economic feasibility of growing pine on units set up for control, as well as the general suitability of the unit. The surveys carried on during the past 2 years are nearing completion.

All data including stocking, site, incident of the disease, working conditions, ultimate yield, and cost of establishing complete control are analyzed to determine if white pine can be profitably grown on a given unit. In the analysis of National Forest lands, control and management plans are built up for each acceptable unit. Long range objectives in the management of a unit call for the maximum possible yield of white pine in each selected unit by capturing mortality through early and continued cuttings, fill—in plantings, growing white pine on all ground that will support it, and suppression of ribes over the entire unit through silvicultural practices. The units are arranged in priority of value and protected accordingly. Units which do not meet prescribed standards are not considered for control.

SUMMARY OF PROGRESS BY OPERATIONS

Clearwater Operation

Under the Bureau of Entomology and Plant Quarantine cooperative program, work was conducted on lands in the Clearwater Timber Protective Association. Control work was carried on in the well stocked cutover lands in the vicinity of C. T. P. A. Headquarters and in Rhodes Creek. Ribes were generally heavy in both areas and reworkings will be necessary. All initial work was completed in the Hildebrand drainage where a high quality work was secured. Since ribes populations were originally light on much of the area, the rework load will not be difficult. Work was completed on the pole stands in the vicinity of Pierce, and no future work will be necessary unless logging disturbances occur. A truck-mounted power spray unit was effectively used to do broadcast spraying on areas of numerous small ribes in Hildebrand Creek and Rhodes Creek.

The Forest Service carried on protective work in pole stands and cutover lands in Orofino Creek and Musselshell drainages. The work was speeded up by roadside spraying operations in cutover areas in the Orofino Creek unit. Work was carried on in plantations in Sylvan Creek and in the vicinity of Musselshell Administrative Site. The fine pole stands in the Tamarack and Sylvan drainages were given a final working. The objectives on the National Forest lands are to protect extensive pole stands and to keep ribes eradication in pace with the accelerated cutting of white pine stands, so these lands may continue to produce white pine.

St. Joe Operation

Bureau cooperative work was carried on in the Hog Meadows, Corral Creek units, and the upper portion of the Cougar Creek unit. These units represent extensive mediumly stocked reproduction stands which are still filling in and it appears that complete stocking will eventually result. Twenty-five percent of the area worked in the Hog Meadows and Corral units was placed on maintenance.

Additional work is planned for these units in 1950. All current work was completed on the Cougar Creek unit and 50 percent of this year's work was placed on maintenance. All future work will be determined on the basis of post checks.

Forest Service personnel worked in the extensive pole stands in the Palouse division and in the vicinity of Clarkia and the Emida Camp. It was expected that most of the pole could be placed on maintenance, but because of soil disturbances resulting from blowdown and snow damage to the timber, most of it must be held in the post check category.

Effective work was accomplished with a power spray unit in destroying ribes on cutover areas along the Palouse River which were a hazard to pole stands across the river.

Kaniksu Operation

The Bureau cooperative program was confined to the Fox Creek and Big Creek units. Regular labor completed the work needed in reproduction areas in lower Big Creek. Highly efficient work was obtained and future work in this portion of the unit will be determined on the basis of post checks. Future work in this unit will be carried on under the contract system. Six contracts were awarded in the Fox Creek unit; four were completed in 1949, extensions were granted on two. All work in this unit will be completed next year by contractors. All completed contract areas met maintenance standards.

Forest Service crews working in Fedar Creek completed work in this unit, placing it on maintenance. Reproducing cutover lands in the vicinity of the Boswell and Pelke Administrative Sites were worked; ribes regeneration is still occurring on these areas and future work will be necessary.

Hand spraying in the vicinity of Hungry Mountain and power units on Diamond Peak were utilized to eliminate heavy ribes concentrations in order to protect the extensive plantations below in the Kalispell drainage.

Most of the currently needed work in reproduction and plantations in the lower West Branch Unit was completed by contractors.

Coeur d'Alene Operation

Protection was afforded to reproduction and plantation areas in Brett Creek, Upper Independence Creek, Jordan Creek, Hudlow Creek, and Cathedral. The Coeur d'Alene Forest has the most extensive and solid blocks of white pine plantations in the region; to date protection has been adequate and every effort is being made to meet necessary rework schedules. Pole stands were worked in Upper Deception Creek and along Iron Creek. Work was continued on the large Riley Creek unit of pole timber. Two more seasons' work will be needed to place the bulk of this unit on maintenance.

A power sprayer, Hi-Fog guns, and knapsack units were used to destroy heavy ribes concentrations in the Packsack Ridge area. These ribes were a menace to the plantations in Senator Creek and portions of the Brett Creek drainage. Contractors worked plantations and reproduction areas in Snowbird, Senator Creek, Brett Creek, and Nicholas Creek. Future work in these drainages will be carried on by contractors.

Cabinet Operation

Work was continued in Martin Creek. White pine reproduction occurs throughout the entire drainage and it is necessary to eliminate heavy ribes concentrations in the upper portions of the area to protect the adjacent pine and the extensive pine areas below. Hi-Fog guns, knapsack units, and a power sprayer were well integrated with hand methods to work difficult areas. Long leads of main line from the power sprayer were strung down into Martin Creek from the ridge road making it possible to spray heavy ribes concentrations. In the lower portions of the drainage, maintenance conditions have been achieved, but future rework will be required in the upper part. Only a short season's work remains to complete initial work in this drainage. All but 25 acres of initial work was completed in the plantations and reproduction stands in Robin Run Creek. Only limited parts of this drainage will require future workings. Work was initiated in the White Pine Creek drainage which comprises extensive areas of planted pine. Initial work was not completed during 1949 because of fire duty. Only a small amount of work remains.

Kootenai Operation

Work was completed in the Spar Lake unit. The area comprises 9,000 acres of predominately excellent pole timber. As a result of this year's work, over 60 percent of the unit is now on a maintenance basis.

STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES AND COSTS

The statement of expenditures is shown in the following table.

TABLE 1
CLASSIFIED EXPENDITURES IN INLAND EMPIRE, 1949

	Bureau	of Entomo	ology and	d Plant	Qu	arantine			
		Coop	erative (Control			Forest		
		100 4 10	State &				Service		
Item	BLR-1-4	BLR-3-4	Private	Tota	1	Total	BLR=4		Total
Contract ribes erad		\$ 5,056		\$ 5,0	56	\$ 5,056	\$ 36,125	\$	41,181
Salary perm. men	\$45,906	4,460	\$ 2,165	6,6	25	52,531	56,584		109,115
Salary temp. men	158	17,473	14,786	32,2	59	32,417	76,686		109,103
Wages temp. labs.	540	53,805	19,068	72,8	73	73,413	522,362		5 9 5,7 7 5
Subs. supplies	2,978	12,874		12,8	74	15,852	132,817		148,669
Equipment	878	155		1	.55	1,033	27,048		28,081
Travel and transp.	4,087	1,538	H.	1,5	38	5,625	30,100	-	35,725
Other expenses	5,414			4,0		9,505			63,526
Total	\$59,961	\$99,452	\$36,019	\$135,4	71	\$195,432	\$935,743	\$1	,131,175

TABLE 2
SUMMARY OF RIBES ERADICATION, 1949
INLAND EMPIRE

Working	Eradication	Year of				Per Acre		
	Туре	Origin	Acres	Man-Days	Ribes	Man-Days	Ribes	
	Plantation	1945-49	350	390	11,000	1.11	31	
	Cutover	1945-49	1,570	1,170	203,000	.75	129	
	Cutover	1940-44	970	880	110,000	.91	113	
	Cutover	1920-39	30	70	7,000	2.33	233	
First	Reproduction	1910-39	1,970	3,190	211,000	1.62	107	
	Pole		2,130	3,060	273,000	1.44	128	
	Mature		120	400	69,000	3.33	575	
	Stream		470	1,020	122,000	2.17	260	
	Total		7,610	10,180	1,006,000	1.34	132	
	Plantation	1945-49	50	30	1,000	.60	20	
	Cutover	1945-49	180	270	28,000	1.50	156	
	Plantation	1940-44	360	310	20,000	.86	56	
	Cutover	1940-44	1,260	1,920	123,000	1.52	98	
	Cutover	1920-39	920	980	18,000	1.07	20	
Second	Reproduction	1910-39	6,900	5,800	167,000	.84	24	
	Pole		6,790	3,830	103,000	.56	15	
	Mature		210	190	13,000	.90	62	
	Stream		450	600	28,000	1.33	62	
	Total		17,120	13,930	501,000	.81	29	
	Plantation	1945-49	380	520	30,000	1.37	79	
	Plantation	1940-44	20	40	1,000	2.00	50	
	Cutover	1940-44	390	290	35,000	.74	90	
	Cutover	1920-39	2,310	1,510	48,000	.65	21	
Third	Reproduction	1910-39	6,080	6,540	128,000	1.08	21	
IIII'U	Pole		13,370	6,950	172,000	.52	13	
	Mature		780	160	2,000	.21	3	
	Stream		1,730	1,850	90,000	1.07	52	
	Total		25,060	17,860	506,000	.71	20	
	GRAND TOTAL		49,790	41,970	2,013,000	.84	40	

Chemical Work Included Above:

Working	Acres	Man-Days	Gallons Spray
First	700	1,470	27,000
Second	390	440	13,000
Third	310	420	20,000
Total	1,390	2,330	60,000

TABLE 3
SUMMARY OF RIBES ERADICATION BY CLASSES OF CAMPS, 1949
INLAND EMPIRE

						Gallons	Per A	ere
State	Working	Class	Acres	Man-Days	Ribes	Spray	Man-Days	Ribes
		EQ-Coop.	690	490	42,000	50	.71	61
	First	FS-Reg.	4,170	4,710	513,000	19,460	1.13	123
		Total	4,860	5,200	555,000	19,510	1.07	114
		EQ-Coop.	5,280	4,930	169,000	9,800	.93	32
Ideho Third All Workings	FS-Reg.	10,010	7,340	269,000	3,000	.73	27	
		Total	15,290	12,270	438,000	12,800	.80	29
		EQ-Coop.	3,710	2,300	70,000	200	.62	19
	Third	FS-Reg.	20,790	14,720	335,000	2,800	.71	16
		Total	24,500	17,020	405,000	3,000	.69	17
		EQ-Coop.	9,680	7,720	281,000	10,050	.80	29
	All Workings	FS-Reg.	34,970	26,770	1,117,000	25,260	.77	32
		Total	44,650	34,490	1,398,000	35,310	.77	31
	First	FS-Reg.	2,670	4,680	401,000	5,740	1.75	150
Montana Second Third All Workings	Second	FS-Reg.	1,740	1,620	56,000		.93	32
	FS-Reg.	90	130	6,000	300	1.44	67	
	All Workings	FS-Reg.	4,500	6,430	463,000	6,040	1.43	103
- 1110-4	First	FS-Reg.	80	300	50,000	1,750	3.75	625
Washington	Second	FS-Reg.	90	40	7,000	200	. 44	78
мявитивгои	Third	FS-Reg.	470	710	95,000	16,700	1.51	202
	All Workings	FS-Reg.	640	1,050	152,000	18,650	1.64	238
		EQ-Coop.	690	490	42,000	50	.71	61
	First	FS-Reg.	6,920	9,690	964,000	26,950	1.40	139
		Total	7,610	10,180	1,006,000	27,000	1.34	132
		EQ-Coop.	5,280	4,930	169,000	9,800	.93	32
	Second	FS-Reg.	11,840	9,000	332,000	3,200	.76	28
		Total	17,120	13,930	501,000	13,000	.81	29
Total		EQ-Coop.	3,710	2,300	70,000	200	.62	19
	Third	FS-Reg.	21,350	15,560	436,000	19,800	.73	20
		Total	25,060	17,860	506,000	20,000	.71	20
		EQ-Coop.	9,680	7,720	281,000	10,050	.80	29
	All Workings	FS-Reg.	40,110	34,250	1,732,000	49,950	.85	43
		Total	49,790	41,970	2,013,000	60,000	.84	40

Contract Work Included Above:

	Bureau of Ento	mology and I	Plant Quarantine	F	orest Service	
Working	Acres	Man-Days	Ribes	Acres	Man-Days	Ribes
Second	40	70	3,000	920	690	33,000
Third	430	250	2,000	1,650	1,650	30,000
Total	470	320	5,000	2,570	2,340	63,000

TABLE 4

OWNERSHIP OF LAND COVERED ON RIBES ERADICATION, 1949
INLAND EMPIRE

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				By					Entomolo								
		Forest Service		and Plant Quarantine			Total Federal		Total Other								
State Working	National Forest		State	Private	Total	National Forest		Private	Total	National Forest	Public Domain	Total	State	Private	Total	GRAND TOTAL	
	First	3,290			880	4,170	30	250	410	690	3,320		3,320	250	1,290	1,540	4,860
73-1-	Second	7,970		560	1,480	10,010	2,060	1,830	1,390	5,280	10,030		10:030		2,870	5,260	15,290
Idaho	Third	16,230	210	480	3,870	20,790	220	1,510	1,980	3,710	16,450	210	16,660	1,990	5 850	7,840	24,500
	Total	27,490	210	1,040	6,230	34,970	2,310	3,590	3,780	9,680	29,800	210	30,010	4,630	10,010	14,640	44,650
Fir	First	2,670				2,670					2,670		2,670				2,670
Montana	Second	1,740				1,740					1,740		1,740				1,740
MULUALA	Third	90				90					90		90				90
	Total	4,500				4,500			1		4 + 500		4 500				4 500
	First	80				80					80		80				80
tto alad waste aw	Second	90		4		90					90		90				90
Washington	Third	320			150	470					320		320		150	150	470
	Total	490			150	640					490		490		150	150	640
	First	6,040			880	6,920	30	250	410	690	6,070		6,070	250	1.290	1,540	7,610
Total	Second	9,800		560	1,480	11,840	2,060	1,830	1,390	5,280	11,860		11.860	2,390	2,870	5,260	17:120
10041	Third	16,640	210	480	4,020	21,350	220	1.510	1,980	3.710	16.860	210	17,070	1,990	6,000	7,990	25,060
	Total	32,480	210	1,040	6,380	40,110	2,310	3,590	3,780	9,680	34,790	210	35,000	4.630	10,160	14,790	49.790

TABLE 5

RIBES SPECIES ERADICATED, 1949
INLAND EMPIRE

	11177				Ribe	s Species			Marine.
Working	Eradicatio	on Type	Acres	Ribes lacustre	Ribes viscosissimum	Ribes	Ribes inerme	Ribes coloradense	Total Ribes
	Plantation	(1945-49)	350	2,000	9,000				11.000
	Cutover	(1945-49)	1,570	26,000	161,000	16,000			203 ,000
	Cutover	(1940-44)	970	74,000	35,000		1,000		110 :000
	Cutover	(1920-39)	30	4.000	3,000				7,000
First	Reproduction	(1910-39)	1,970	106,000	105,000				211,000
	Pole		2,130	258,000	13,000	1,000		1,000	273,000
	Mature		120	67,000	1,000			1,000	69,000
	Stream		470	99,000	3,000	1,000	19 ,000		122,000
	Total		7,610	636,000	330,000	18,000	20,000	2,000	1 .006 .000
	Plantation	(1945-49)	50	1,000					1,000
	Cutover	(1945-49)	180	1,000	27 ,000				28 ,000
	Plantation	(1940-44)	360	13,000	7,000				20 ,000
	Cutover	(1940-44)	1,260	25,000	97,000	1,000			123 000
	Cutover	(1920-39)	920	11,000	7,000	1,000			18,000
Second	Reproduction	,	6,900	91,000	75,000		1,000		167 +000
	Pole	(1010 00)	6,790	76,000	26,000			1,000	103 000
Mature	Mature		210	13,000					13 ,000
	Stream		450	27,000	1,000				28 ,000
	Total		17,120	258 ,000	240,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	501 000
	Plantation	(1945-49)	380	3,000	27,000				30 ,000
	Plantation	(1940-44)	20	1,000					1,000
	Cutover	(1940-44)	390	9,000	26,000				35 ,000
	Cutover	(1920-39)	2,310	27,000	21,000				48,000
Third	Reproduction		6,080	50,000	73,000	1,000	4,000	1	128,000
14114	Pole	(2020 00)	13,370	74,000	97,000	1,000			172,000
	Mature		780	2,000					2 000
	Stream		1,730	79,000	1,000	6 ,000	3,000	1,000	90 ,000
	Total		25,060	245,000	245 000	8 ,000	7 ,000	1,000	506 +000
	Plantation	(1945-49)	780	6,000	36 000				42 .000
	Cutover	(1945-49)	1.750	27,000	188 000	16,000			231,000
	Plantation	(1940-44)	380	14 000	7,000				21 .000
	Cutover	(1940-44)	1,520	108,000	158,000	1,000	1,000		268 ,000
All	Cutover	(1920-39)	3,260	42,000	31 ,000		1		73,000
	Reproduction		14,950	247,000	253,000	1,000	5,000		506,000
	Pole	120 001	22,290	408,000	136,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	548 ,000
	Mature		1,110	82,000	1,000	2,550		1,000	84 000
	Stream		2,650	205,000	5,000	7,000	22 ,000	1,000	240 000
	Total			1,139,000	815,000	27,000	28,000	4,000	2,013,000

TABLE 6
SUMMARY OF RIBES ERADICATION, 1923-1949
INLAND EMPIRE

	Eradication	Year of	Gross Acres			Per A	cre		creage Ining
Working	Туре	Origin	Worked	Man-Days	Ribes	Man-Days	Ribes	Worked	Unworked
	Burn	1940-49	1,000	1,000	213,000	1.00	213	1,000	
j	Plantation	1940-49	8,000	10,000	2,263,000	1.25	283	8,000	1,000
	Cutover	1940-49	19,000	21,000	6,583,000		346	19,000	143,000
j	Cutover	1920-39	86,000	84,000	24,858,000	.98	289		241,000
First	Reproduction	1910-39	608,000	685,000	183,402,000	1.13	302	597,000	160.000
FILEC	Pole		375,000	163,000	28,719,000	.43	77	370.000	82,000
	Mature		709,000	299,000	63,366,000	.42	89	527,000	190,000
	Miscellaneous		37,000	32,000	8,409,000	.86	227	34,000	10,000
	Stream		126,000	317,000	65,174,000	2.52	517	124,000	23,000
	Total		1,969,000	1,612,000	382,987,000	.82	195	1,762,000	850,000
	Plantation	1940-49	6,000	6,000	414,000	1.00	69	6,000	
	Cutover	1940-49	3,000	4,000	366,000	1.33	122	3,000	
	Cutover	1920-39	58,000	64,000	13,297,000	1.10	229	58,000	
	Reproduction	1910-39	211,000	250,000	23,078,000	1.18	109	209,000	
Second	Pole		126,000	68,000	5,240,000	.54	42	125,000	
1	Mature		44,000	28,000	3,022,000	.64	69	41,000	
	Miscellaneous		5,000	6,000	918,000	1.20	184	5,000	
	Stream		63,000	97,000	12,697,000	1.54	202	62,000	
	Total		516,000	523,000	59,032,000	1.01	114	509,000	
	Plantation	1940-49	4,000	3,000	129,000	.75	32	4,000	
	Cutover	1940-49	1,000	1,000	36,000	1.00	36	1,000	
	Cutover	1920-39	36,000	36,000	2,166,000	1.00	60	36,000	
	Reproduction	1910-39	75,000	99,000	3,732,000	1.32	50	75,000	
Third	Pole		35,000	20,000	726,000	.57	21	35,000	
Inird	Mature		4,000	3,000	287,000	.75	72	4,000	
	Miscellaneous		1,000	1,000	32,000	1.00	32	1,000	
	Stream		23,000	33,000	2,799,000	1.43	122	23,000	
	Total		179,000	196,000	9,907,000	1.09	55	179,000	
	GRAND TOTAL		2,664,000	2,331,000	451,926,000	.88	170	2,450,000	

Chemical	Work	included	ahove.

Working	Acres	Man-Days	Gallons Spray
First	25,000	58,000	1,629,000
Second	10,000	15,000	287,000
Third	5,000	6,000	80,000
Total	40,000	79,000	1,996,000

TABLE 7
SUMMARY OF RIBES ERADICATION BY CLASSES OF CAMPS, 1923-1949
INLAND EMPIRE

		Gross	Effective	Total	Gallons	Per A	ere
State	Class	Acres	Man-Days	Ribes	Spray	Man-Days	Ribes
	EQ-Reg.	49,000	21,000	5,000,000	80,000	.43	102
	EQ-Coop.	291,000	179,000	25,000,000	236,000	.62	86
	EQ-Emerg.	515,000	404,000	97,000,000	214,000	.78	188
Idaho	FS-Reg.	525,000	549,000	86,000,000	538,000	1.05	164
	FS-Emerg.	338,000	216,000	57,000,000	125,000	.64	169
101	CCC	591,000	662,000	124,000,000	657,000	1.12	210
	Total	2,309,000	2,031,000	394,000,000	1,850,000	.88	171
Montana	EQ-Reg.	2,000	3,000	1,000,000	35,000	1.50	500
	EQ-Emerg.	66,000	31,000	6,000,000	1,000	.47	91
	FS-Reg.	50,000	64,000	6,000,000	54,000	1.28	120
	FS-Emerg.	36,000	36,000	7,000,000	22,000	1.00	194
	CCC	14,000	12,000	1,000,000	6,000	.86	71
	Total	168,000	146,000	21,000,000	118,000	.87	125
	EQ-Emerg.	65,000	63,000	18,000,000		.97	277
	FS-Reg.	64,000	52,000	12,000,000	28,000	.81	188
Washington	FS-Emerg.	36,000	14,000	4,000,000		.39	111
	CCC	22,000	25,000	3,000,000		1.14	136
	Total	187,000	154,000	37,000,000	28,000	.82	198
	EQ-Reg.	51,000	24,000	6,000,000	115,000	.47	118
	EQ-Coop.	291,000	179,000	25,000,000	236,000	.62	86
	EQ-Emerg.	646,000	498,000	121,000,000	215,000	.77	187
Total	FS-Reg.	639,000	665,000	104,000,000	620,000	1.04	163
	FS-Emerg.	410,000	266,000	68,000,000	147,000	.65	166
	CCC	627,000	699,000	128,000,000	663,000	1.11	204
	Total	2,664,000	2,331,000	452,000,000	1,996,000	.88	170

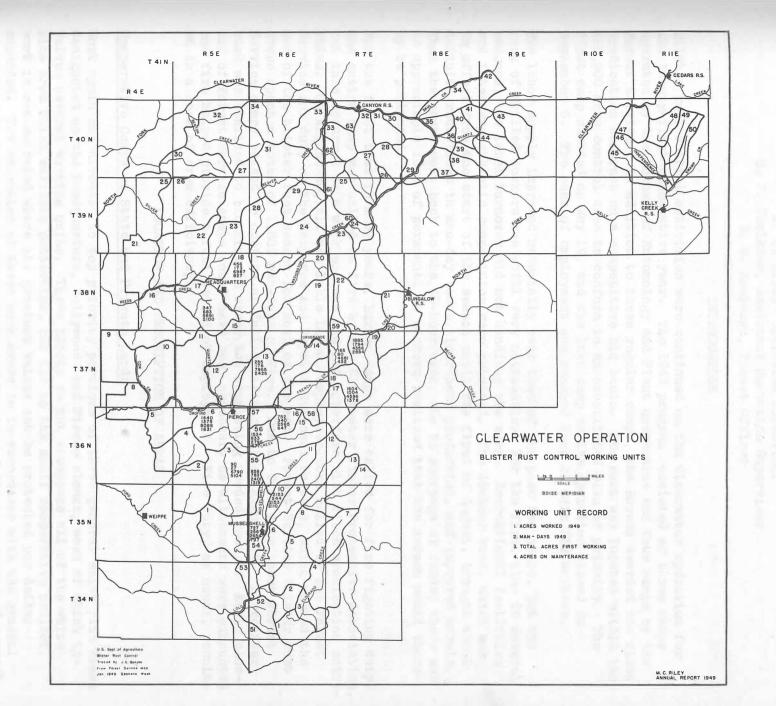
Contract work included above:

Acres	Man-Days	Ribes
4,000	3,000	83,000

TABLE 8

OWNERSHIP OF LAND COVERED ON RIBES ERADICATION, 1923-1949
INLAND EMPIRE

/ Att	Name of Street, or other Party of Street, or		Net Acres in Control Area							
30.	71 7 7 7 7 7		Acres V	Worked		Acres	Total			
State	Ownership	First	Second	Third	Total	Unworked	Acres			
	National Forest	860,000	262,000	86,000	1,208,000	251,000	1,111,000			
	Public Domain	17,000	6,000	3,000	26,000	13,000	30,000			
No. 15	Subtotal Federal	877,000	268,000	89,000	1,234,000	264,000	1,141,000			
Idaho	State	225,000	68,000	24,000	317,000	123,000	348,000			
	Private	407,000	113,000	45,000	565,000					
	Subtotal Other	632,000	181,000	69,000			1,114,000			
	Total	1,509,000	449,000	158,000	2,116,000	746,000	2,255,000			
	National Forest	120,000	15,000	4,000	139,000	53,000	173,000			
Montana	State	1,000			1,000		1,000			
	Private	19,000	3,000	2,000	23,000	15,000	34,000			
	Subtotal Other	20,000	3,000	2,000			35,000			
	Total	140,000	18.000	6,000	163,000	68,000	208,000			
	National Forest	90,000	30,000	10,000	131,000	31,000	121,000			
	State	7,000	4,000	2,000	13,000	1,000				
Washington	Private	16,000	8,000	3,000	27,000	4,000	20,000			
	Subtotal Other	23,000	12,000	5,000	40,000	5,000				
	Total	113,000		15,000	171,000	36,000	149,000			
	National Forest	1,070,000	307,000	100,000	1,477,000		1,405,000			
	Public Domain	17,000	6,000	3,000						
	Subtotal Federal	1,087,000	313,000		1,503,000	348,000	1,435,000			
Total	State	233,000	72,000	26,000	331,000	124,000	357,000			
	Private	442,000	124,000	50,000	616,000	378,000	820,000			
	Subtotal Other	675,000	196,000	76,000	947,000		1,177,000			
	Total	1,762,000	509,000	179.000	2,450,000	850,000	2,612,000			



BLISTER RUST CONTROL, CLEARWATER OPERATION, 1949

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INTRODUCTION

Blister rust control activities were continued on the Clearwater operation for the twenty-first consecutive year. The 1949 program consisted of three camps operated by the Bureau of Entomology and Plant Quarantine and four camps by the Forest Service. In addition to these regular camps, the Bureau awarded one ribes eradication contract on a competitive bid basis. The work was located within the 488,000 acre control area to conform to an established plan of priority. The first camp started on May 19, and the last camp on the operation closed on September 6. The peak of employment was reached June 25 with 319 workers.

The labor supply improved materially over that of the past few years, but the lack of skilled workers was still very noticeable. For the first time in several seasons, the labor turnover did not handicap the work. Recreational facilities and intercamp athletic competition were provided. The 48-hour week, which was in effect from the start of the season until the first of August, brought about definite reductions in man-day costs, increased production, and improved morale. When the camps went back to the 40-hour week, due to shortage of funds, there was no appreciable loss of personnel as workers realized that the season would thereby be prolonged.

For the first time in many years, Bureau camps were called for fire fighting duty. One entire camp was called on fire by the Clearwater Timber Protective Association, but this occurred on a week end and did not interfere with ribes eradication activaties. On August 20, all available Bureau employees were called by the Forest Service for duty on the Nezperce and Payette National Forests, which marked the end of the blister rust season for most of the men. Forest Service blister rust crews spent a total of 1,889 man-days on fire. Due to fire duty, most Forest Service camps ceased to operate at full efficiency after August 15. Thereafter work was confined to blocking in areas and completing needed rework. Early closing of Forest Service camps would have been necessary as allotments were exhausted and fire helped provide a full period of employment. Fire duty, as usual, resulted in a loss of crew efficiency.

LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION OF AREAS

Cooperative Camps on State and Private Lands

Work again was directed to top priority portions of three general white pine areas designated as the Headquarters, Hollywood, and Pierce blocks, each of which involves several working units. These blocks do not encompass all of the white pine area which warrants protection, but due to the small cooperative project, work is concentrated where the greatest values can be protected per dollar expended. The selection of these work areas is in accordance with the general work plan which considers such factors as intensity of disease, status of control, diversity of age classes, stocking, and accessibility; of areas. In 1949, the camps were located at Blister Rust Headquarters, Rhodes Creek, and Reeds Creek.

Camp 100, BRC Headquarters. Workers from this camp completed first working, started last season, on Hildebrand Creek in the area cut over from 1940 to 1943. Ribes concentrations were comparatively light for this type of area on the Clear-On Hildebrand Creek, several areas varying in size from 40 to 140 acres were reworked where post check indicated that it was necessary. This was second or third working in either older cutover or pole type. Ribes concentrations and working conditions were light. To protect adjacent excellent pole stands in Canal Gulch, 225 acres cut over in 1942 were worked initially. The heavy roadside ribes populations had been reduced the previous season by applying 2,4,5-T with power spray equipment. Eighty-seven ribes were removed per acre at an expenditure of .7 man-day per acre. Initial work was started on Brown's Creek in area cut from 1941 to 1943. Because of fire duty, only 90 acres were covered, but it appears that this will be an easy area to protect. An average of 17 ribes per acre was removed at less than a half man-day per acre. Men from this camp also reworked some stream type within the pole stand adjacent to Orofino Creek near Pierce.

The area worked constitutes an important part of the Pierce block and lies adjacent to areas covered last season. The first working on Hildebrand Creek was in area where the seed source is barely adequate, and it was necessary to protect the young white pine which came in immediately following logging by eradicating the ribes as soon as they were large enough to be located by the crews. The Canal Gulch cutting was in urgent need of working as the ribes present were a definite threat to the adjacent pole stand. Work on Brown's Creek should be completed next season since this is an excellent cutting resulting in very good stocking and can be protected at a nominal cost. Portions of the area given initial working by this camp will need another coverage in three or four years. The areas given second or third working should not need further attention unless some disturbance occurs.

Camp 101, Rhodes Creek. Crews from this camp worked entirely within the Rhodes Creek drainage. Necessary second and third working was done in the 1941-43 cutover area extending from the mouth of Rhodes Creek to the National Forest boundary on the east side of the stream and to the camp site on the west side. Brush and associated vegetation are more dense here than on the majority of areas of the same age making working conditions more difficult. Small bushes, especially Ribes lacustre, are a problem. Numerous small patches of ground with heavy concentrations of R. viscosissimum were treated with Hi-Fog guns using 2,4,5-T.

Rework was completed on the lower part of the drainage, a portion of the Pierce block, until the area logged this season is ready for work. The quality of work was satisfactory but the area has been too recently disturbed to classify as being on maintenance.

Camp 102, Reeds Creek. All work performed by crews from this camp was second or third working. Work centered around the Clearwater Timber Protective Association headquarters immediately adjacent to the area worked during the past two seasons. The portion of ground south of the highway presented rather difficult working conditions because of heavy vegetation and required approximately 2 man-days to remove 110 ribes per acre. Twenty-eight acres, sprayed in 1948 with insufficient chemical, were given another working. The ground north of the highway had better working conditions and required only a half man-day per acre to remove 12 ribes per acre.

All work performed from this camp was on high priority portions of the Headquarters block. Where a considerable number of ribes was removed, the area will need further work. The ground north of the highway has very few ribes remaining but cannot yet be placed on maintenance because some ribes are still appearing due to recent disturbances.

Chemical spraying by crews from cooperative camps was performed on Mutton Gulch, Rhodes Creek, Reeds Creek, and Orofino Creek. A 5-man crew using a power sprayer applied 2,4,5-T to 53 acres of cutover area on Mutton Gulch and 13 acres of cutover on Rhodes Creek. These areas supported considerable low brush which made it difficult to search out the small R. lacustre present. The broadcast spray method was used to eliminate costly searching. After power spraying was completed, three experienced men applied 2,4,5-T using knapsack sprayers on 114 acres of stream type rework on Deer Creek and on Reeds Creek from the mouth of Calhoun Creek east to the limits of the work area. Stream type on Orofino Creek at Pierce and vicinity was sprayed. This stream type work removed the highly dangerous R. petiolare bushes which constituted a threat to several hundred acres of reproduction in cutover areas and pole stands.

One ribes eradication contract was issued by the Bureau for work on 40 acres on St. Louis Gulch. A good quality of work was secured at a saving to the Government. The contract price was \$11.75 per acre.

Forest Service Camps on Federal Lands

The Forest Service camps were located to perform work in areas of high priority as determined by the working unit analysis. Special emphasis was placed on pole-size stands and established plantations. Cutover areas due for working this season were also covered with a view to keeping work current in this type. To meet these objectives, camps were established at Musselshell, Orofino Creek, Three Bear, and Tamarack Ridge.

Camp 151, Musselshell, was occupied again this season. Initial work in cutover area and plantations was done in 1949 together with rework in pole stands in the Musselshell drainage. Some ribes germination is still taking place in the Deer Creek plantations. The Dan Lee Creek Drainage, broadcast sprayed in 1948, was worked by hand eradication methods in 1949. On this area, it was noted that where heavy ribes populations occurred and a heavy dosage of spray solution had been applied, few bushes survived. Where bushes were scattered, an insufficient amount of solution had been used and ribes still remained. More thorough training in application of spray to individual bushes can eliminate this problem in the future.

Camp 152, Orofino Creek. In the Orofino Creek drainage, work was performed on 1945-1949 cutover areas and in 40- to 60-year-old pole stands. White pine is becoming established in the cutover portion. Broadcast power spraying with 2,4,5-T along roads and skid trails, where heavy concentrations of ribes occurred, greatly facilitated the working of this area.

Camp 153, Three Bear. Working was principally in 40- to 60-year-old stands in Tamarack Creek and Sylvan Creek. Working conditions varied greatly in the area and considerable difficulty was encountered in the brushy undercover. In the Tamarack area, the inaccessibility and steepness of the ground added to the cost of eradication.

Camp 154, Tamarack Ridge. Work was entirely in 40- to 60-year-old stands. A work road was constructed last year which made possible the establishment of a camp in this area. Working conditions were heavier than would normally be expected in this type of stand due to heavy alder glades at the head of practically all draws and the persistence of low brush which increased searching time. The stand is reaching the age where the canopy is rapidly closing and no further work should be necessary to protect the area. Considerable damage is occurring in this and the Camp 153 area from bears stripping the bark from the base of the trees in early spring. One attack is seldom fatal, but successive attacks finally cause girdling of the tree. In some cases, this has caused such damage to stocking that ribes are occurring in the resulting openings.

In addition to hand eradication work, power spraying was done in Orofino Creek on 1945-49 cutover areas. Both the Friend and Hardie sprayers were used. Work was principally along logging roads, skidways, and in a few spots where excessive germination had occurred.

METHODS AND EQUIPMENT

A training school was held for Forest Service blister rust control supervisors early in May. Bureau supervisors were given individual training and instruction prior to assuming their positions. A training school was held for all checkers. All eradication men were given intensive training in ribes eradication techniques with the aid of charts. The revised training charts and manual were a distinct aid in illustrating the one-man dragline method.

The one-man ribes eradication method was used by all camps and the merits of the system were demonstrated in increased efficiency and lower costs per acre. Individual efficiency and production ratings were kept and workers were advised of their respective standings. This contributed much to increasing the output per man-day. The Forest Service camps used a complete revision of the forms for reporting field data and found them satisfactory.

The hormone spray 2,4,5-T was used exclusively in chemical spraying. Flowable type emulsive oil was used as a spreader and sticker. A solution of 2,4,5-T and red dye for later identification of treated crowns was used in decapitation work. Power equipment was used where possible; otherwise, Hi-Fog guns and knapsack sprayers were employed. Some experimentation was conducted with spray and whirl discs for broadcast spraying where penetration through low brush was needed. The most satisfactory combination was an ordinary Hudson nozzle assembly with a small hole bored in the center of the whirl disc. This provided a solid cone and gave about 6 feet penetration through rather dense, low brush. The conventional Hudson disc was used for selective spraying. The Buffalo turbine blower was used experimentally on roadside work in St. Louis Gulch. The following tabulation shows data for power spraying work:

Area	Eradication Type	Acres	Man-Days	Gallons Spray
Mutton Gulch	Cutover 1940-44	53	70	6,800
Rhodes Creek	11 11 11	13	23	2,900
Orofino Creek	1945-49	210	168	7,535
St. Louis Gulch	1940-44	10	3	187

CHECKING

A crew consisting of five men employed by the Bureau and six men employed by the Forest Service conducted regular checks on all areas worked in 1949. Forest Service checkers were under the supervision of a checker foreman employed by the Forest Service. Bureau checkers were under the supervision of the assistant operation supervisor who also assisted with the Forest Service checking work. All checkers had previous ribes eradication experience but only one man had previous checking experience, necessitating intensive training and close supervision throughout the season.

A uniform system of checking areas worked by the one-man dragline method was adopted this year. Checkers progressed through the $2\frac{1}{2}$ -chain wide lanes on a diagonal course between the boundaries of the lane, completing four of these courses in each 4-chain lane, or each acre of ground. This system was modified on initial work where ribes were numerous or seedlings present by reducing the diagonal courses to two for each 4 chains of lane.

In addition to the regular check, advance checks were made on areas to be worked in 1949 where information was necessary on ribes distribution. Checks were also made on areas to be worked in 1950. Checkers laid all lines for eradication work.

WHITE PINE STOCKING AND DISEASE SURVEY

The white pine stocking and blister rust damage survey was continued on Clearwater National Forest lands during 1949 and initiated on lands of the Timber Protective Association. The Forest Service party was composed of two 2-man crews supervised by the checker foreman. The Bureau party consisted of two 2-man crews and a party leader. The survey was under the general supervision of the assistant operation supervisor. The survey was performed primarily in pole and reproduction stands, although on Association lands it was extended to cutover areas which had been logged for at least 15 years.

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Surveys were made in the following working units:

National Forest Units	Unit Number
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Gold Creek	10
Upper French Creek	errad 17 good mesture grants and
Sylvan Creek	18
Tamarack Creek	
Dan Lee and Swede Creeks	min of 55 in the following with the second
Orofino Creek	56
	Association Units Unit Number
	partes legislated oils of Stores 1 won
Brown s Creek	in price of an an anti-
Orofino Creek	6
Jaype	11
Three Mile Creek	12

Clearwater Timber Protective Association Units (contd.)	Unit Number
Shanghai Creek	13
Orogrande Creek	14
Cardiff	15
Calhoun Creek	17
Deer Creek	18
Scofield Creek	24

One hundred and one miles of strip were run on Association lands which represented a sample of approximately 16,000 acres of pole, reproduction, and cutover stands.

Definite conclusions cannot be reached on results of the survey until all data have been summarized. The survey shows that in all young stands of white pine blister rust will cause losses in stocking. The losses vary with the number of years between the time the disease entered the stand and the time control was established. In many pole and reproduction stands, the disease entered prior to initiation of control measures.

A measure of site quality was taken on all survey strips in addition to the data on stocking and blister rust losses. This information shows that a high site quality predominates throughout the Clearwater pine-growing region.

CONTROL STATUS

Blister rust infection occurs generally throughout the control area. On lands of the Clearwater Timber Protective Association it has been necessary, because of the small program of recent years, to confine efforts to the Pierce, Hollywood, and Headquarters blocks. The white pine stocking, cost of protection, diversity of age classes, and accessibility of areas give these blocks highest priority. The present program barely provides for adequate work in these blocks. Consequently, large drainages which have been recently logged and the majority of those to be cut in the near future cannot be given any blister rust protection under the present program. In the older cuttings and where work was kept on a better schedule, satisfactory progress has been made and infection is light enough to assure very good white pine stands at maturity. Recently, additional problems have been created in some older cuttings. On areas near BRC headquarters and on Rhodes Creek, contract loggers have removed small patches of mature timber adjacent to protected cutover and pole stands. In the process of logging, there was much ground disturbance in these protected areas and as a result additional ribes eradication work will be necessary. Better coordination in timing the cuttings on these areas would materially reduce the cost of blister rust protection. Practically the entire acreage worked on Timber Protective Association lands was on cutover areas too recently disturbed to classify as maintenance. Most of the mature stands being cut were considered as on maintenance but the lands now revert to the unworked category. Land is being removed from the maintenance class faster than it is being added.

The situation is more favorable on lands of the Clearwater National Forest. From the working unit analysis, a work plan has been developed for the forest. The work plan contemplates proper timing of work on cutover areas, plantations, and areas of natural reproduction and pole stands which are considered for protection. The size of recent programs has been adequate. Cutting practices are established with a view to limiting ribes regeneration. Over 70 percent of the area worked by Forest Service crews this season was in pole type and a large portion of this is now on a maintenance basis. There is a total of 87,912 acres on maintenance on the entire Clearwater operation. As a result of the 1949 eradication and checking work, 2,890 acres were placed on a maintenance basis and 1,757 acres were removed from this classification because of logging operations and surveys.

STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES AND COSTS

The following table shows the statement of expenditures.

TABLE 1

CLASSIFIED EXPENDITURES, CALENDAR YEAR 1949

CLEARWATER OPERATION

	Bureau	of Entomo	ology & I	Plant Qua	arantine		
		Coope	rative Co	ontrol		Forest	
		Federal	State &			Service	
Item	BLR-1-4	BLR-3-4	Private	Total	Total	BLR=4	Total
Contract ribes erad.		\$ 470		\$ 470	\$ 470		\$ 470
Salary perm. men	\$11,376	1,133	\$ 2,165	3,298	14,674	\$ 7,800	22,474
Salary temp. men		8,811	11,931	20,742	20,742	19,591	40,333
Wages temp. labs.	150	23,832		23,832	23,982	98,019	122,001
Subsistence supplies		6,181		6,181	6,181	25,103	31,284
Equipment	248	49		49	297	2,579	2,876
Travel and transp.	905	454		454	1,359	9,562	10,921
Other expenses	1,487	2,092		2,092	3,579	12,533	16,112
Total	\$14,166	\$43,022	\$14,096	\$57,118	\$71,284	\$175,187	\$246,471

TABLE 2

SUMMARY OF RIBES ERADICATION, 1949 CLEARWATER OPERATION

	Eradication	Year of				Per Acre		
Working	Туре	Origin	Acres	Man-Days	Ribes	Man-Days	Ribes	
	Plantation	1945-49	81	53	719	.65	9	
First	Cutover (3)	1945-49	1,487	1,035	195,380	.70	131	
	Cutover	1940-44	520	381	32,225	.73	62	
	Cutover	1920-39	32	75	7,030	2.34	220	
	Pole		418	104	4,023	. 25	10	
	Mature		5	4	68	.80	14	
	Stream (1)		120	28	2,834	.23	24	
	Total		2,663	1,680	242,279	.63	91	
Second	Cutover	1945-49	174	270	27,780	1.55	160	
	Cutover (4)	1940-44	964	1,717	117,187	1.78	122	
	Cutover	1920-39	86	47	3,873	.55	45	
	Reproduction	1910-39	39	98	2,321	2.51	60	
	Pole		2,061	1,222	36,947	.59	18	
	Total		3,324	86 47 3,873 .55 39 98 2,321 2.51 061 1,222 36,947 .59 324 3,354 188,108 1.01 64 20 1,149 .31 148 95 6,238 .64	57			
	Plantation	1945-49			1,149	.31	18	
	Cutover	1940-44	148	95	6,238	.64	42	
	Cutover	1920-39	768	338	14,671	.44	19	
Mb 4 md	Reproduction	1910-39	336	171	2,277	.51	7	
Third	Pole		4,685	2,649	48,163	.57	10	
	Mature		542	41	768	•08	1	
	Stream (2)		114	38	2,114	• 33	19	
	Total		6,657	3,352	75,380	.50	11	
	GRAND TOTAL		12,644		505,767	.66	40	

Chemical work included above:

	•	Stream				Upland	
	Acres	Man-Days	Gallons Spray		Acres	Man-Days	Gallons Spray
(1) (2)	50 114	9 38	45 186	(3) (4)	210 68	168 95	7,535 9,787
							40.4

TABLE 3
SUMMARY OF RIBES ERADICATION BY CLASSES OF CAMPS, 1949
CLEARWATER OPERATION

Logic .	1111			1 13		Gallons	Per Acre		
State	Working	Class	Acres	Man-Days	Ribes	Spray	Man-Days	Ribes	
		EQ-Coop.	693	492	42,046	45	.71	61	
Idaho	First	FS-Reg.	1,970	1,188	200,233	7,535	.60	102	
		Total	2,663	1,680	242,279	7,580	.63	91	
	Second	EQ-Coop.	1,010	1,696	118,286	9,787	1.68	117	
		EQ-Cont.	40	68	2,774		1.70	69	
		FS-Reg.	2,274	1,590	67,048		.70	29	
		Total	3,324	3,354	188,108	9,787	1.01	57	
Luano	Third	EQ-Coop.	1,063	483	23,840	186	.45	22	
		FS-Reg.	5,594	2,869	51,540		.51	9	
		Total	6,657	3,352	75,380	186	.50	11	
		EQ-Coop.	2,766	2,671	184,172	10,018	.97	67	
	All	EQ-Cont.	40	68	2,774		1.70	69	
	Workings	FS-Reg.	9,838	5,647	318,821	7,535	.57	32	
		Total	12,644	8,386	505,767	17,553	.66	40	

OWNERSHIP OF LAND COVERED ON RIBES ERADICATION, 1949 CLEARWATER OPERATION

TABLE 4

State Woo							Act	res Work	be					
		By Forest Service				By Bureau of Entomology and Plant Quarantine				Total Federal	Total Other			
	Working		National Forest	State	Private	Total	National Forest		Private	Total	National Forest		Total	tal GRAND
	First	1,598		372	1,970	33	248	412	693	1,631	248	784	1,032	2,66
Idaho	Second	2,030	134	110	2,274	PLAT	310	740	1,050	2,030	444	850	1,294	3,32
Tuano	Third	5,047	422	125	5,594			1,063	1,063	5,047	422	1,188	1,610	6,65
	Total	8,675	556	607	9,838	33	558	2,215	2,806	8,708	1,114	2,822	3,936	12,64

TABLE 5

RIBES SPECIES ERADICATED, 1949
CLEARWATER OPERATION

Working	Eradication Type	Acres	Ribes lacustre	Ribes viscosissimum	Ribes petiolare	Total Ribes
	Plantation (1945-49)	81	447	133	139	719
Tid	Cutover (1945-49)	1,487	26,282		15,647	195,380
	Cutover (1940-44)	520	7,539		81	32,22
	Cutover (1920-39)	32	3,896		56	7,030
First	Pole	418	2,198		561	4,02
	Mature	5	50		18	68
	Stream	120	1,447	117	1,270	2,834
	Total	2,663	41,859	182,648	17,772	242,279
	Cutover (1945-49)	174	832	26,669	279	27,780
	Cutover (1940-44)	964	21,553	94,889	745	117,187
g	Cutover (1920-39)	86	3,671	157	45	3,873
Second	Reproduction (1910-39)	39	6	2,315		2,32
	Pole	2,061	22,525	14,001	421	36,94
	Total	3,324	48,587	138,031	1,490	188,108
	Plantation (1945-49)	64		1,149		1,149
	Cutover (1940-44)	148	1,729	4,440	69	6,238
	Cutover (1920-39)	768	2,737	11,673	261	14,671
mh 4 3	Reproduction (1910-39)	336	1,098	1,139	40	2,277
Third	Pole	4,685	21,481	26,336	346	48,163
i	Mature	542	383	248	137	7 68
	Stream	114	1,048	169	897	2,114
	Total	6,657	28,476	45,154	1,750	75,380
	Plantation (1945-49)	145	447	1,282	139	1,868
	Cutover (1945-49)	1,661	27,114	180,120	15,926	223,160
	Cutover (1940-44)	1,632	30,821	123,934	895	155,650
A11	Cutover (1920-39)	886	10,304	14,908	362	25,574
	Reproduction (1910-39)	375	1,104	3,454	40	4,598
Workings	Pole	7,164	46,204	41,601	1,328	89,133
	Mature	547	433	248	155	836
	Stream	234	2,495	286	2,167	4,948
	Total	12,644	118,922	365,833	21,012	505,767

TABLE 6

SUMMARY OF RIBES ERADICATION, 1929-1949
CLEARWATER OPERATION

	Eradication	Year of	Gross Acres			Per A	cre		creage lning
Working	Туре	Origin	Worked	Man-Days	Ribes	Man-Days	Ribes	Worked	Unworked
	Plantation	1945-49	282	541	29,026	1.92	103	282	
	Cutover (4)	1945-49	1,619	1,063	198,157	.66	122	1,619	14,117
	Plantation	1940-44	60	232	134.749		2.246	60	
	Cutover (5)	1940-44	9,657	12,465	5,335,821		553		
	Cutover	1920-39	39,145	40,297	13,660,654	1.03	349		
First	Reproduction	1910-39	71,993	109,096	33,469,252	1.52	465		3,584
	Pole		31,494	18,418	3,878,037		123		4.762
	Mature		219,294	99,884	23,422,422			153,922	39,373
	Miscellaneous		5,852		1,700,804		291		7,819
	Stream (1)		42,536	78,391	14,098,578		331		
	Total			364,287	95,927,500			349,443	138,557
	Plantation	1945-49			20,183		100		200,000
Ö	Cutover	1945-49	174	270	27 . 780		160		î .
	Plantation	1940-44	60	194	15,587	3.23	260		
	Cutover (6)	1940-44	1,688	2,980	320.947		190	1.688	
	Cutover	1920-39	31,264	30,311	8,256,605	.97	264		
Second	Reproduction	1910-39	26,875		3,791,630		141		
	Pole		21,086		1,247,600		59		
	Meture		16,333		815,665		50		
7)	Miscellaneous		511		371,107		726		
1	Stream (2)		23,815	27,080	3,333,043	1.14	140	23,815	
	Total		122,007	123,065	18,200,147		149	119,132	
	Plantation	1945-49			1,149	.31	18	64	
	Plantation	1940-44	120	122	2,762	1.02	23		
	Cutover	1940-44	148	95	6,238	.64	42	148	
	Cutover	1920-39	16,563	15,733	1,142,880	.95	69	16,563	
Third	Reproduction	1910-39	8,317	10,813	475,959	1.30	57		
	Pole		7,851	4,383	96,982	.56	12	7,851	
	Mature		542	41	768	.08	1	542	
F M	Stream (3)		3,548	4,071	412,204	1.15	116	3,548	
	Total		37,153	35,278	2,138,942	.95	58	37,153	
	GRAND TOTAL		581,092	522,630	116,266,589	.90	200	505,728	

Chemical work included above:

		Stream				Upland	
	Acres	Man-Days	Gallons Spray		Acres	Man-Days	Gallons Spray
(1) (2) (3)	15,140 5,910 924	31,439 8,256 1,556	811,448 120,043 25,467	(4) (5) (6)	210 335 68	168 371 95	7,535 23,221 9,787

TABLE 7

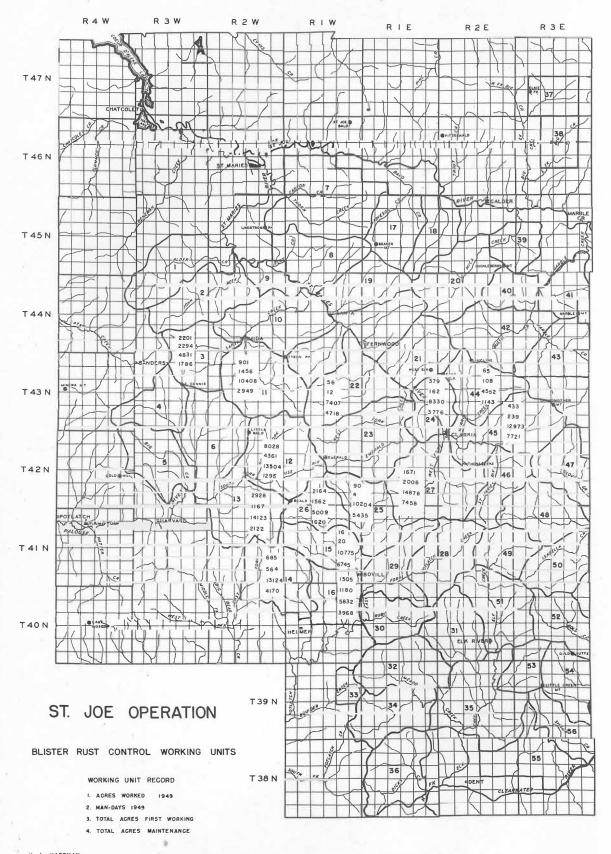
SUMMARY OF RIBES ERADICATION BY CLASSES OF CAMPS, 1929-1949
CLEARWATER OPERATION

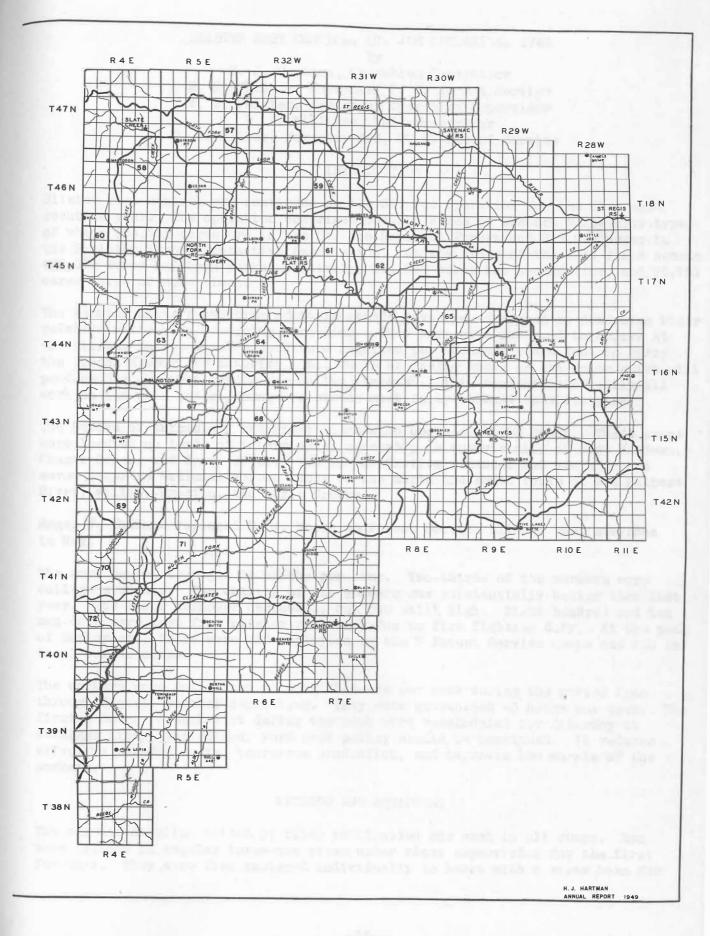
		Gross		Total	Gallons	Per Acre		
State	Class	Acres	Man-Days	Ribes	Spray	1.20 .93 .94 1.70 .90 .81	Ribes	
	EQ-Reg.	4,412	5,273	1,129,228	79,864	1.20	256	
1	EQ-Coop.	61,573	57,385	7,851,066	168,800	.93	128	
	EQ-Emerg.	133,970	125,277	30,398,093	136,847	.94	227	
Idaho	EQ-Cont.	40	68	2,774		1.70	69	
	FS-Reg.	137,707	123,377	29,748,763	179,378	.90	216	
1 1	FS-Emerg.	55,908	45,382	14,895,022	24,015	.81	266	
	CCC	187,482	165,868	32,241,643	408,597	.88	172	
	Total	581,092	522,630	116,266,589	997.501	.90	200	

TABLE 8

OWNERSHIP OF LAND COVERED ON RIBES ERADICATION, 1929-1949
CLEARWATER OPERATION

			1	let Acre	es in Cor	ntrol Area	a
			Acres V	Vorked		Acres	Total
State	Ownership	First	Second	Third	Total	Unworked	Acres
	National Forest	152,925	58,808	16,941	228,674	47,427	200,352
	Public Domain	3,648	708	52	4,408	382	4,030
	Subtotal Federal	156,573	59,516	16,993	233,082	47,809	204,382
Idaho	State	58,322	14,949	2,741	76,012	31,936	90,258
	Private	134,548	44,667	17,419	196,634	58,812	193,360
	Subtotal Other	192,870	59,616	20,160	272,646	90,748	283,618
	Total	349,443	119,132	37,153	505,728	138,557	488,000





BLISTER RUST CONTROL, ST. JOE OPERATION, 1949
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INTRODUCTION

Blister rust control was continued on the St. Joe operation for the 21st consecutive year. The operation comprises 884,925 acres of western white pine type, of which 504,985 acres are in the St. Joe National Forest and 379,940 acres in the Potlatch Timber Protective Association. At the close of the 1949 field season 477,069 acres had been worked initially, 174,069 acres the second time, and 75,751 acres three or more times.

The working units supporting immature stands have been analyzed to determine their relative white pine producing potential. They were also analyzed to arrive at the blister rust control expenditure required per thousand board feet to carry the stands through to maturity. All funds are being spent on the units which will produce the greatest return per dollar invested. This concentrates nearly all work on the pole and reproduction stands most fully stocked to white pine.

The Bureau of Entomology and Plant Quarantine operated three camps. These camps were located on lands of intermingled ownership in the vicinity of Shea Meadows, Cougar Creek, and Merry Creek. The Forest Service financed and administered seven camps on National Forest lands in the north and south forks of the Palouse River, Willow, Preston, and Mazie Creeks.

Roger F. Thaanum replaced D. J. Moore as Forest Service blister rust staffman in May.

The work season averaged $2\frac{1}{2}$ months per camp. Two-thirds of the workers were college students. The quality of the workers was substantially better than last year. The labor turnover decreased, but was still high. Eight hundred and ten man-days were lost from blister rust work due to fire fighting duty. At the peak of employment, there were 325 employees in the 7 Forest Service camps and 120 in the 3 Bureau camps.

The workers were authorized to work 48 hours per week during the period June through August, weather permitting. They were guaranteed 40 hours per week. The first 8 hours of work lost during the week were rescheduled for Saturday at straight time. The 48-hour work week policy should be continued. It reduces effective man-day costs, increases production, and improves the morale of the workers.

METHODS AND EQUIPMENT

The one-man dragline method of ribes eradication was used in all camps. Men were trained in regular three-man crews under close supervision for the first few days. They were then assigned individually to lanes with a straw boss for

each eight men. In nearly all cases, the lanes were worked uphill. The worker usually laid the draglines in advance of the actual working of the strip.

Some 223 acres of heavy concentrations of ribes on streams and recently logged areas were treated with 2,4,5-T. A Bean power sprayer, knapsack sprayers, and Hi-Fog guns were used to apply the chemical.

Ammonium sulfamate was used extensively by all camps for ribes decapitation work. Each worker carried a supply of chemical on his belt in a rubberized pouch. One ton of dry chemical was used in ribes decapitation work.

The Forest Service awarded 6 ribes eradication contracts totaling 240 acres. The average bid price was \$14.05 per acre. The contract areas represented average to very difficult working conditions and averaged 15 ribes and .96 manday per acre. Contract work has a very definite place in the control program and will be expanded. It provides an effective method to accomplish more and better work at a minimum cost. Small isolated blocks may be worked without establishing a Government camp. Any type of area may be contracted except those best suited for large scale chemical eradication. Ribes eradication experience provides the bidder with the necessary background to properly evaluate the area on which he plans to bid. Contracts should be 30 to 40 acres in size to attract more bidders and to create competition among bidders. If a contractor does poorly financially on one contract, he may improve his position on the next one.

Areas totaling 1,105 acres have been surveyed for Forest Service contract work and are to be advertised early in 1950.

LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION OF AREAS

All control work was concentrated on the following high priority units:

Upper Santa and Ramskull Creek, Unit No. 3

This unit contains 13,000 acres on which occurs 4,000 acres of excellent white pine pole, reproduction, and plantation in a solid block. The other 9,000 acres in the unit have been recently cutover or are poorly stocked to white pine. All control work on this unit has been directed toward the protection of the 4,000 acres of immature white pine. Most of this has been worked three times and 3,000 acres have been worked down to maintenance standards. The remaining 1,000 acres supports light ribes as a result of a light broadcast burn in 1936. The 1950 control plans include the working of 460 acres of this area by contract. The 1948 disease survey indicated that 19 percent of the Ramskull Creek plantation and 27 percent of the pole stand on Willow Creek were damaged by blister rust. In 1949 all rework was completed for the Willow Creek drainage and the protection zone was extended to the East Dennis lookout. This rework program was started in 1948. The crews of a Forest Service camp worked 2,200 acres which averaged 1.04 man-days and 24 ribes per acre.

Charlie Creek, Unit No. 11

This unit contains 7,680 acres of pole, reproduction, and plantation. Most of this area has been worked twice and is practically free of ribes. In 1949 first working was performed in upper Preston Creek on an area supporting an open pole stand that had been disturbed by fire and logging. An abundance of



Snow damage in dense 41 to 60 year old white pine pole stand during winter of 1948-49. The opening of these stands and the resulting soil disturbance cause ribes germination.



Type of areas covered by Bureau crews in 1949. West fork of Potlatch Creek in foreground and Moose Creek in background. Area was clear-cut during 1910 to 1923. Much of the area double-burned. Last major burn in 1923.

ribes were removed to protect the pine in the immediate vicinity and to extend the protective zone of the unit. Forest Service crews worked 900 acres averaging 1.64 man-days and 166 ribes per acre.

In the fall of 1948, 280 acres of unworked brushland on Preston Knob were prepared for broadcast burning in order to eliminate an infection hazard to the Charlie Creek plantation. A satisfactory burn was accomplished in September 1949 on half the area, which portion will be planted in the near future. The unburned portion will burned in 1950.

Upper Palouse River, Unit No. 12

There is a total of 19,666 acres in this unit, of which 8,740 acres are natural white pine pole 41-60 years of age. This unit supports one of the better blocks of white pine pole on the forest. The remaining 10,926 acres are in a deferred status, most of which is cutover. Previous snow damage to the stands, dredging, and logging caused a large portion of the area to be worked a third time in 1949. The 1949 work area was all placed on post check due to snow damage that occurred during the winter of 1948-49. The crews of the 3 Forest Service camps in this unit worked 8,028 acres which averaged .54 man-day and 17 ribes per acre. All control work on this unit was completed for the present.

Sand Creek, Unit No. 13

This unit contains 10,000 acres of pole 41 to 60 years of age. This excellent block of pole is a continuation of the stand occurring on the east fork of Meadow Creek and Upper Palouse River unit. The 1949 disease survey showed 13 percent of the pole stand damaged by blister rust. The 2,930 acres worked by Forest Service crews averaged .70 man-day and 8 ribes per acre. Extensive snow damage occurred on this unit during the winter of 1948-49. Two additional camp seasons will be required to complete the work on this unit. A portion of Little Sand Creek has been logged and left in a nonreproductive state. The ribes will have to be removed from the logged area in order to protect the remaining stand in this drainage.

Corral Creek, Unit No. 14

Practically all of this unit was selectively logged or clear-cut and broadcast burned in the early twenties. The present stand is a mixed age class. The clear-cut and broadcast burned areas now support a good stand of white pine reproduction with new white pine seedlings still filling in the openings. This area was initially worked in 1936. In 1949, 685 acres of the 6,400 acres in the unit were worked for the second time by the Bureau. The area worked averaged .82 man-day and 24 ribes per acre. No ribes seedlings were found on the area. The 1949 disease survey showed that 32 percent of the pine had been damaged by blister rust. Two camps will complete the work on this unit in 1950.

Hog Meadow, Unit No. 16

Most of this unit was clear-cut and broadcast burned in the early twenties. A good stand of white pine reproduction is present and white pine seedlings are still appearing in the openings. The 1,505 acres worked by Bureau crews in 1949 for the second time, were first worked in 1936. The area averaged .78 man-day and 11 ribes per acre. No ribes seedlings were found. The 1949 disease survey

shows that 25 percent of the stand was damaged by blister rust. One camp-month in 1950 will be required to finish the work on this unit.

Cougar Creek, Unit No. 26

This unit contains approximately 4,200 acres of good white pine reproduction which regenerated on clear-cut lands broadcast burned in 1914 and again in 1923. White pine reproduction is still coming in. The upper limits of this unit are poorly stocked and support a very dense stand of brush which has never been worked. The better stocked portion of the unit was initially worked in 1934 and 1936. In 1949, 2,164 acres were worked for the second time by Bureau crews. The worked area averaged .73 man-day and 7 ribes per acre. No ribes seedlings were found on the area. Work on this unit has been completed for the present.

West Fork of St. Maries River, Unit No. 27

This unit contains 13,000 acres of white pine pole and reproduction. The well stocked reproduction stands regenerated on areas that were broadcast burned between 1912 and 1928 following logging. The unit is potentially the best white pine producing area on the operation. Three workings have placed most of the unit on maintenance. In 1949 the Forest Service worked 1,670 acres which averaged 1.20 man-days and 12 ribes per acre. Stream type, recently cutover areas, and small blocks of upland not on maintenance were reworked. The work on this unit was completed for the next three years.

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The procedure for regular and post check as outlined in the 1949 checking manual was applied to all areas checked. A Forest Service checker foreman assisted in the training and direction of all checkers. There were 12 Forest Service and 2 Bureau checkers. Six new assignments were filled by men with several years? ribes eradication experience who showed aptitude and interest for the work.

Inspection of the 1949 season's work plus needed post check information accounted for a high percentage of each checker's time. An analysis of activities indicated 65 percent of the total time was given to regular check, 25 percent to post check, and 10 percent to other assignments.

A total of 36,930 acres was checked: 21,120 acres were the 1949 season's eradication work area, and 15,810 acres were post check and maintenance areas.

The cost for regular and post check was 40¢ per acre.

CONTROL STATUS

There are 161,300 acres of maintenance on the operation. This total includes 5,500 acres which were added as a result of the 1949 ribes eradication and post check. There were 1,200 acres of maintenance which reverted to a rework status due to logging in 1949. An additional 8,300 acres of maintenance in pole type were reclassified to a post check status due to soil disturbances resulting from snow damage and other natural causes. Inspections by a post check will be necessary to determine the seedling survival within these areas.

The logging of mature stands continues to add more cutover acreage each year. To date, no large scale program on any cutover area has been possible in view of available funds.

SURVEYS

The survey to determine blister rust damage and the stocking in pole and reproduction stands of western white pine was continued to gain additional data for unit analysis and area classification. Six two-man crews carried on the survey work throughout the 1949 field season. The project was financed from Forest Service funds and a forest officer was chief of party. The Bureau provided the technical supervision. The survey was extensive in order to obtain an over-all picture of the disease conditions. Reproduction stands were only examined when the extent of damage was not known and in units where the advisability of control work was questionable.

The 269 miles of strip were run at the rate of 46 chains per man-day. Areas in 39 of the 72 units on the operation were examined. An analysis of data revealed that most young, unprotected stands were nearly 100 percent damaged, as was the case in the Red Ives region and Crystal Creek.

A field examination was made in September 1949 of the 120-year-old white pine stand on Simmons Creek near the mouth of Dolly Creek. Numerous ribes of all local species were present. Indications are that some loss will take place in this unprotected stand within 12 years. Multiple branch cankers and several dead tops were observed.

Results of the 1949 disease survey are briefed in the following tabulation:

	Percent Quadrats		Percent Quadrats
Drainage	Damaged	Drainage	Damaged
Corral Creek	32	Cameron Creek	40
Hog Meadows Creek	25	Butterfield-Oviat Creek	32
Flewsie Creek	50	Round-Long Meadow Creek	46
John Creek	20	Shattuck-Squaw Creek	48
W. Fk. Merry Creek	46	Cloverleaf-Bull Run Creek	52
Hatten Creek Plantation	6	S. Fk. Palouse River	25
Bussel-Marble Creek	52	N. Fk. Palouse River	29
Renfro Creek	50	Fry Creek	13
Moose Creek	20	Big Sand Creek	13
Cougar Creek	44	W. Fk. Charlie Creek	11

Pole Blight Areas

During the 1949 field season nearly all large stands of white pine pole on the operation were inspected to obtain additional blister rust control information. In the course of these surveys, no new pole blight areas were observed by blister rust control employees. An extensive aerial and ground survey made by the Division of Forest Pathology discovered pole blight on Dago and lower Mica Creek and along the St. Joe River near the mouth of Marble Creek. The west fork of

Emerald Creek pole blight area still represents the southern known limits of this disease. No pole blight has been discovered on lands of the Potlatch Timber Protective Association.

Snow and Frost Damage

The winter of 1948-49 was one of the most severe ever recorded in north Idaho. Very heavy snowfall along with temperatures from 38 to 50 degrees below zero and other unusual weather factors caused widespread damage to the reproduction and pole stands on the operation. Frost damage was very heavy in reproduction stands. However, the damage was confined to the first 2 chains of reproduction occurring along the edges of streams and meadows. A large portion of the damaged trees will recover while others are dead or will be badly deformed.

Snow damage in the dense 41- to 60-year-old pole stands was the most destructive and extensive on record. The damage, with little regard for species or exposure, was general throughout most dense pole stands. The opening of these stands and the resulting soil disturbance will cause ribes germination. Additional ribes eradication will be required on these areas. This damage occurred most extensively in the Palouse and St. Maries River drainages.

STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES AND COSTS

The statement of expenditures is shown in the following table:

CLASSIFIED EXPENDITURES, CALENDAR YEAR 1949 ST. JOE OPERATION

TABLE 1

INC. OF CHAPTER SHAPE	Bureau d	of Entomo	ology & I	Plant Que	arantine		
		Coope	rative Co	ontrol		Forest	
		Federal	State &			Service	D Library
Item	BLR-1-4	BLR-3-4	Private	Total	Total	BLR-4	Total
Contract ribes erad.			DO COMPANY TO THE PARTY OF THE		STATE OF STA	\$ 4,434	\$ 4,434
Salary perm. men	\$15,883	\$ 2,538		\$ 2,538	\$18,421	10,639	29,060
Salary temp. men		7,795	\$ 903	8,698	8,698	21,773	30,471
Wages temp. laborers	150	27,411	10,799	38,210	38,360	159,702	198,062
Subsistence supplies	2,840	4,81.3		4,813	7,653	37,349	45,002
Equipment	231	49		49	280	8,500	8,780
Travel and transp.	1,465	710		710	2,175	5,35 1	7,526
Other expenses	2,115			1,157			
Total	\$22,684	\$44,473	\$11,702	\$56,175	\$78,859	\$261,184	\$340,043

TABLE 2
SUMMARY OF RIBES ERADICATION, 1949
ST. JOE OPERATION

	Eradication	Year of				Per A	cre
Working	Туре	Origin	Acres	Man-Days	Ribes	Per Ad Man-Days 1.15 1.45 1.90 1.34 1.55 1.08 .77 .37 1.71 .63 .78 1.19 .50 .57 1.00 .67	Ribes
	Cutover (3)	1940-44	416	477	76,985	1.15	185
	Reproduction	1910-39	176	255	34,666	1.45	197
First	Pole		684	1,300	99,692	1.90	146
	Stream (1)		235	314	40,195	1.34	171
	Total		1,511	2,346	251,538	1.55	166
	Cutover	1940-44	154	166	5,940	1.08	39
O3	Reproduction	1910-39	4,614	3,537	60,188	.77	13
Second	Pole		2,851	1,069	24,295	. 37	9
	Stream		45	77	5,076	1.71	113
	Total		7,664	4,849	95,499	.63	12
	Cutover	1920-39	129	101	1,432	.78	11
	Reproduction	1910-39	1,889	2,256	26,467	1.19	14
Mad and	Pole		8,427	4,184	121,936	•50	14
Third	Mature		200	114	1,477	.57	7
	Stream (2)		1,302	1,305	48,488	1.00	37
	Total		11,947	7,960	199,800	7 .57 3 1.00 0 .67	17
	GRAND TOTAL		21,122	15,155	546,837	.72	26

Chemical work included above:

Upland

Stream

	Acres	Man-Days	Gallons Spray		Acres	Man-Days	Gallons Spray
(1) (2)	113 14	137 9	2,939 46	(3)	96	60	5,289

TABLE 3
SUMMARY OF RIBES ERADICATION BY CLASSES OF CAMPS, 1949
ST. JOE OPERATION

						Gallons	Per A	cre
State	Working	Class	Acres	Man-Days	Ribes	Spray	Man-Days	Ribes
	First	FS-Reg.	1,511	2,346	251,538	8,228	1.55	166
	(Parties)	EQ-Coop.	4,150	3,137	46,743		.76	11
	Second	FS-Reg.	3,514	1,712	48,756		.49	14
- 1		Total	7,664	4,849	95,499		.63	12
		EQ-Coop.	1,243	734	16,175	40	•59	13
71-1		FS-Reg.	10,463	6,993	179,975	6	.68	17
Idano	Third	FS-Cont.	241	233	3,650		.97	15
		Total	11,947	7,960	199,800	46	.67	17
		EQ-Coop.	5,393	3,871	62,918	40	.72	12
	All	FS-Reg.	15,488	11,051	480,269	8,234	.71	31
	Workings	FS-Cont.	241	233	3,650		.97	15
		Total	21,122	15,155	546,837	8,274	.72	26

TABLE 4

OWNERSHIP OF LAND COVERED ON RIBES ERADICATION, 1949

ST. JOE OPERATION

			100					A	cres W	orked							
	ľ	Ву					Ву	Bureau	of En	tomology		13.					
	ll v		Fore	st Ser	vice		and Plant Quarantine				Total F	ederal	To	otal Oth	er		
State W	Working	National Forest			Private	Total	National Forest			Private		National Forest			Private	Total	GRAND TOTAL
	First	1,041			470	1,511						1,041			470	470	1,511
Idaho	Second	1,891		426	1,197	3,514	2,057		1,439	654	4,150	3,948		1,865	1,851	3,716	7,664
тавпо	Third	6,989	214	54	3,447	10,704	219	3	110	911	1,243	7,208	217	164	4,358	4,522	11,947
	Total	9,921	214	480	5,114	15,729	2,276	3	1,549	1,565	5,393	12,197	217	2,029	6,679	8,708	21,122

TABLE 5

RIBES SPECIES ERADICATED, 1949
ST. JOE OPERATION

	of the later of the later			Ribes Speci	98		
Working	Eradication Type	Acres	Ribes lacustre	Ribes viscosissimum	Ribes petiolare	21 21 689 689	Total Ribes
	Cutover (1940-44)	416	66,531	10,454			76,985
	Reproduction (1910-39)	176	27,074	7,592			34,666
First	Pole	684	96,279	3,413			99,692
	Stream	235	39,167	1,028			40,195
	Total	1,511	229,051	22,487			251,538
	Cutover (1940-44)	154	3,424	2,516			5,940
	Reproduction (1910-39)	4,614	22,361	37,806		21	60,188
Second	Pole	2,851	14,914	9,381			24,295
	Stream	45	5,058	18			5,076
	Total	7,664	45,757	49,721		21	95,499
	Cutover (1920-39)	129	245	1,187			1,432
	Reproduction (1910-39)	1,889	11,476	14,765	226		26,467
Third	Pole	8,427	51,665	70,213	58		121,936
IIIII'u	Mature	200	1,315	162			1,477
	Stream	1,302	41,978	602	5,219	689	48,488
	Total	11,947	106,679	86,929	5,503	689	199,800
	Cutover (1940-44)	570	69,955	12,970			82,925
	Cutover (1920-39)	129	245	1,187			1,432
	Reproduction (1910-39)	6,679	60,911	60,163	226	21	121,321
All	Pole	11,962	162,858	83,007	58		245,923
Workings	Mature	200	1,315	162			1,477
	Stream	1,582	86,203	1,648	5,219	689	93,759
	Total	21,122	381,487	159,137	5,503	710	546,837

SUMMARY OF RIBES ERADICATION 1929-1949 ST. JOE OPERATION

	Eradication	Year of	Gross Acres			Per Man-	Acre	4	creage ining
First	Туре	Origin	Worked	Man-Days	Ribes	Days	Ribes	Worked	Unworked
	Cutover	1945-49							9,282
	Plantation	1940-44	2,209	4,763	1,092,843	2.16	495	2,209	
	Cutover	1940-44	1,070	1,608	131,044	1.50	122	1,070	34,042
	Cutover (4)	1920-39	16,498	11,543	3,604,682	.70	218	16,498	156,691
TM	Reproduction	1910-39	218,195	241,568	81,203,768	1.11	372	217,988	104,460
FIFBU	Pole		87,522	34,382	7,879,747	.39	90	87,257	17,726
	Mature		177,162	68,756	17,998,538	.39	102	113,588	85.655
	Miscellaneous		2,652	2,297	767,429	.87	289	2,652	
	Stream (1)	6	35,807	97,710	23,434,331	2.73	654	35,807	
	Total		541,115	462,627	136,112,382	.85	252	477,069	407 .856
	Plantation	1940-44	1,198	1,207	57,827	1.01	48	1,198	
	Cutover	1940-44	154	166	5,940	1.08	39	154	
	Cutover	1920-39	7,684	8,519	549,431	1.11	72	7,684	
	Reproduction (5)	1910-39	90,973	106,496	9,512,700	1.17	105	90,973	
Second	Pole		51,945	27,620	1,488,179	.53	29	51,762	
	Mature		9,478	7,254	837,751	.77	88	8,568	
	Miscellaneous		540	730	34,169	1.35	63	540	
	Stream (2)		13,190	28,701	5,247,068	2.18	398	13,190	
	Total		175,162	180,693	17,733,065	1.03	101	174,069	
	Plantation	1940-44	518	929	18,214	1.79	35	518	
	Cutover	1920-39	6,472	4,498	84,526	.69	13	6,472	
	Reproduction	1910-39	35,497	55,341	1,093,249	1.56	31	35,497	
m	Pole		20,467	11,868	251,690	.58	12	20,467	
Third	Mature		370	439	39,519	1.19	107	370	
	Miscellaneous		49	5	4	.10	1,	49	
	Stream (3)		12,378	18,995	1,902,527	1.53	154	12,378	
	Total		75,751	92,075	3,389,729	1.22	45	75,751	
	GRAND TOTAL		792,028	735,395	157,235,176	-93	199	726,889	

Chemical work included above:

		Streem				Upland	
	Acres	Man-Days	Gallons Spray		Acres	Man-Days	Gallons Spray
(2)	7,607 3,327 3,260	22,041 4,858 3,580	675,745 113,162 28,616	(4) (5)	96 21	60 78	5,289 137

TABLE 7

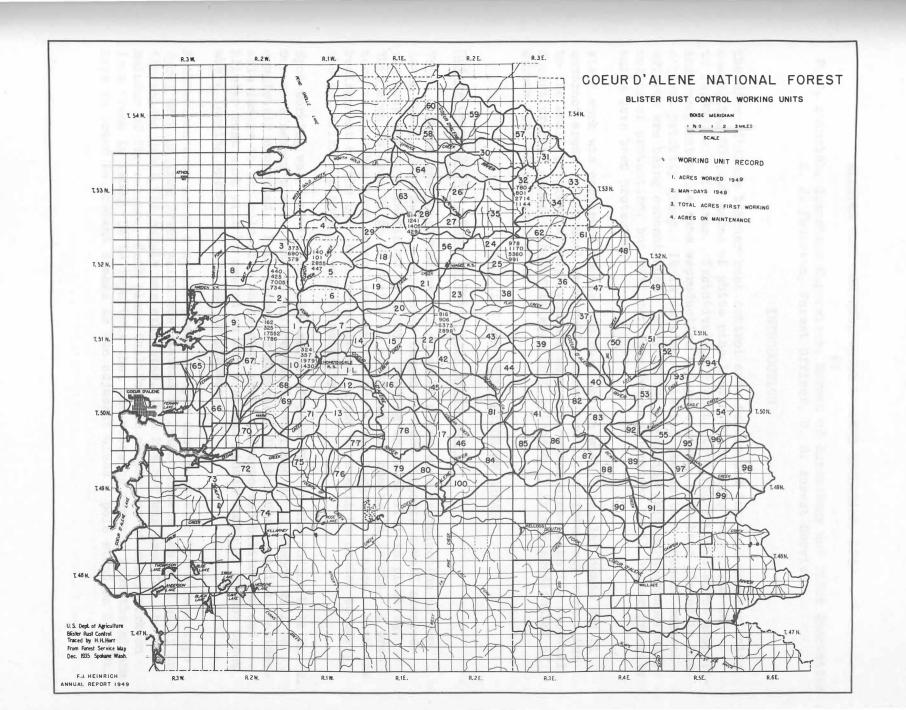
SUMMARY OF RIBES ERADICATION BY CLASSES OF CAMPS, 1929-1949
ST. JOE OPERATION

		Gross		Total	Gallons	Per Acre	
State	Class	Acres	Man-Days	Ribes	Spray	Man-Days	Ribes
	EQ-Coop.	65,768	55,308	5,337,354	65,121	.84	81
	EQ-Emerg.	234,519	157,898	43,593,387	77,088	.67	186
Idaho	FS-Reg.	228,262	251,462	36,076,686	330,558	1.10	158
	FS-Cont.	256	244	4,340		.95	17
	FS-Emerg.	70,981	45,138	15,333,106	101,476	.64	216
	CCC	192,242	225,345	56,890,303	248,706	1.17	296
	Total	792,028	735,395	157,235,176	822,949	.93	199

TABLE 8

OWNERSHIP OF LAND COVERED ON RIBES ERADICATION, 1929-1949
ST. JOE OPERATION

		Net Acres in Control Area							
			Acres 1	Torked		Acres	Total		
State	Ownership	First	Second	Third	Total	Unworked	Acres		
	National Forest	216,790	95,562	42,543	354,895	96,911	313,701		
	Public Domain	12,458	5,411	2,866	20,735	12,637	25,095		
-	Subtotal Federal	229,248	100,973	45,409	375,630	109,548	338,796		
Idaho	State	56,371	23,674	6,961	87,006	58,898	115,269		
	Private	191,450	49,422	23,381	264,253	239,410	430,860		
	Subtotal Other	247,821	73,096	30,342	351,259	298,308	546,129		
	Total	477,069	174,069	75,751	726,889	407,856	884,925		



BLISTER RUST CONTROL, COEUR D'ALENE OPERATION, 1949

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INTRODUCTION

The Coeur d'Alene blister rust control area is divided into 100 working units comprising 383,000 acres of white pine land. These units range from 650 to 14,000 acres in size. Tentatively, 22 units totaling 130,000 acres supporting excellent white pine reproduction and pole stands have been placed in the highest priority group. It is on these selected stands that present control efforts are being concentrated. Many of the remaining units are economically worthy of protection, but will not receive consideration until higher priority units have been protected.

Field work was continued during the past season with 7 regular camps and 21 contract areas. Personnel were well trained and did satisfactory work. Due to the small program, accomplishments were not commensurate with the over-all forest program needs. Chemicals were used extensively in the eradication of stream type on all work areas.

LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION OF AREAS

Hudlow Camp, 33-Man, Working Units Nos. 2, 3, and 5

Third working was completed on 373 acres of white pine reproduction on Tom Lavin Creek, Unit No. 3. This area logged in 1935 supports a well stocked vigorous stand, established by natural seeding and 1941 fill-in planting. This area is from 20 to 40 chains in width and 150 chains in length. A protective zone has been established in the bordering logged over area. With the realignment of the unit boundary, little future work will be needed to carry the established stands through to maturity.

Spot working was done in the 2,600 acres of pole type in the Hudlow Unit No. 2. One more season's work remains before the established young stands will be completely protected. Pole blight is prevalent in this unit causing considerable damage to the pole size white pine trees. Future rehabilitation and blister rust work will be needed on the west and middle forks of Hudlow Creek where logging operations are now in process.

A three-man crew using a mobile power sprayer continued with the stream type spray work on Iron Creek which was started in 1948. Ammate was used early in the season until the supply was exhausted, then 2,4,5-T was used for the remainder of the season. Work plans call for the completion of spray work on Iron Creek in 1950. It is important that the ribes be removed from the stream type in order to prevent damage to the adjacent Class I pole stand on Colt Mt.

Lone Cabin Camp, 33-Man, Working Units Nos. 1 and 10

Work was performed in Burnt Cabin and Lost Mine Creek drainages in Unit No. 1. This was a continuation of the work started in 1948 and completes the current work needed in these reproduction and pole stands.

Second working was completed on 210 acres and first working on 100 acres in the pole stand in upper Deception Creek, Unit 10. This unit not only consists of excellent pine stands, but is also the Deception Creek Experimental Forest which comprises 3,500 acres. One-third of this area is now on maintenance. Another season swork will be needed to bring the work in this unit up to schedule.

On portions of this area, there was considerable recent blowdown and snow damage to the pine. These areas should be inspected in 1951 to check on ribes regeneration.

Riley Creek Camp, 60-Man, Working Unit No. 22

Control work was continued on the 6,000-acre block of reproduction and pole stands in the Tepee Creek Unit. Although over 2,000 acres are classified as being on maintenance, ribes eradication work is far behind schedule. In 1948, second working was begun in this unit which received initial work in 1934. Blister rust has damaged 16 percent of the stand. Regardless of infection losses, the area still remains well stocked. Completion of the work planned during the next 2 years will give complete protection to the present established stands.

The 270-acre mature stand in the head of Riley Creek is in the process of being cut. Management plans call for silvicultural practices that will reduce to the fullest extent possible ribes potentials which might become a hazard to adjacent pole stands.

Nowhere Camp, 30-Man; Magee Camp, 10-Man; Working Unit No. 25

Work within this 5,000-acre unit is nearing completion. This area supports excellent young reproduction and extensive plantations of 1934 and 1941 origin. Apparently ribes germination has ceased on nearly all areas within this unit. Results of an intensive flanker check showed ribes on only a small portion of the 1941 plantation which was last worked in 1945.

Crewmen from the Nowhere Camp worked in President, Vice President, and Nowhere Creek drainages. The Magee camp worked only on chemical eradication. One hundred and eighty acres supporting heavy ribes population were sprayed with 2,4,5-7 chemical solution. This area was located in the heads of Senator, New Deal, and Molly Creek drainages and presented a hazard to the extensive plantations in these drainages. Chemical was applied from Hi-Fog units, mobile power, and knapsack sprayers.

As a result of proper work scheduling and past efficient ribes eradication, blister rust damage to the pine is negligible.

Independence Creek Camp, 33-Man, Working Units Nos. 28 and 63

During the past season, an adjustment was made in these two working unit boundaries. Working Unit No. 28 now consists of a 2,000-acre block of white pine largely plantations of 1926, 1933, and 1941 origin. Fill-in planting has also been done in recent years. Field work this year was a continuation of that started in 1948. In addition to the 150 acres of upland worked, 73 acres of first working stream type were completed on Independence Creek. These heavy Ribes inerme and R. lacustre concentrations were treated with 2,4,5-T. All three types of chemical equipment were used.

Necessary work on this unit will be completed by ribes eradication contractors next year. Blister rust damage averages 10 percent.

Jordan Creek Camp, 33-Man, Working Unit No. 32

Rework was completed on 645 acres of 1924 Class I plantation and natural reproduction lying north and west of East Cathedral Lookout. Stream type along the Coeur de Alene River comprising 60 acres was treated with 2,4,5-T.

Control work is nearing completion on this 2,700-acre unit which consists largely of plantations of 1923-24 origin. Future work will be needed on a 200-acre block located in the west portion of the unit where dense brush and numerous ribes have resulted in difficult working conditions.

This is an outstanding unit where very little blister rust damage has occurred.

WORKING METHODS

A training school for supervisory personnel was held at Hudlow during the first week in June. Complete instructions were given on all phases of ribes eradication work. All crewmen were given thorough training at their respective camps.

The one-man dragline method was used on all camps. Results obtained from the use of this method were highly satisfactory.

A change was made from the use of Ammate to 2,4,5-T in the treatment of stream type ribes. Ammate which was used in 1948 proved to be unsatisfactory. Some of the ribes which appeared to be dead in the fall of 1948 resprouted in the spring of 1949. It appears that 2,4,5-T will give excellent results on all upland and stream type ribes on the forest. However, final results will not be known until the spring of 1950.

CONTRACT WORK

The contract program for ribes eradication was started July 1 and by early August, 22 areas had been posted for bid. Bid prices in one case were rejected as being too high. This unit was readvertised and a more favorable price accepted. Another contract was canceled due to the contractor's inability to begin work by the stipulated deadline. Eighteen of the contracts were completed. Extension of time to June 30, 1950, was granted on three. Bid prices ranged from \$10.50 to \$22.90 per acre, the average being \$14.91. Administrative costs were \$2 per acre.

Contractors completed 962 acres in the 10- to 20-year age class. Twenty-eight ribes were removed per acre at .88 man-day. Workers were required to use the dragline method and reduce the ribes population to one or less per acre, with not more than 5 feet of live stem. The interest with which workers have accepted the contract idea indicates the possibility of a larger contract program in 1950.

CONTROL STATUS

At the close of the 1949 field season, 96,000 acres or 25 percent of the work area within the control boundary has been placed on maintenance. This protected area comprises 15,000 acres of reproduction, 29,000 acres of pole, and 52,000 acres of mature type. Approximately 50,000 acres have been brought to near maintenance standard needing only a small amount of rework before being adequately protected. The net increase in maintenance has been small during the past few years as area removed from maintenance due to cutting nearly offsets acreage gained in the protection of younger age class stands.

If present high priority units are to be carried through to maturity, an increased program is mandatory. The past season's work accomplishments were only 35 percent adequate. When the working units have been completely analyzed, it will be possible to show the amount of work done and the man-days remaining to give complete protection to each unit. It is planned to show this information in the 1950 annual report.

CHECKING AND SURVEYS

A training school for 10 checkers was held at Hudlow during the last week in June. All checking personnel were capable with nine having previous checking experience. On areas worked using the dragline method, all work lots were promptly checked. The checker ran an 8-foot wide meandering course between the boundaries of the $2\frac{1}{2}$ -chain wide lanes and each strip was tied in at 5-chain intervals. This checking method worked satisfactorily as the checker could concentrate on searching without the interference of pacing and compass work. When no regular check was needed, checking personnel laid crew lanes or ran post checks.

A post check was conducted on 9,172 acres of white pine reproduction and plantations. Information was obtained to show the effectiveness of past eradication work and to segregate areas upon which future work will be nedded.

POST CHECK 1949

Working			
Unit			Acres
Number	Name	Draina <u>g</u> e	Checked
27	Owl and Independence Creeks	Lower Independence Creek	3,132
22	Riley Creek	Short Creek	621
36	Nowhere	Brett, Senator, and Nowhere Creeks	2,951
10	Deception	Coffee and Sands Creeks	832
2	Hudlow	East Fork Hudlow Creek	53
2	Hudlow	West Fork Hudlow Creek	687
2	Hudlow	Nicholas Creek	_896
		Total	9.172

Pine disease and stocking surveys to determine the present blister rust damage and stocking by tree species were continued again this year. All high priority reproduction and pole areas have now been covered, some rather extensively. Next year additional strips will be run on doubtful areas and a few outlying unsurveyed areas included. This information is necessary in order to analyze the areas in each unit to determine potential pine values at maturity and priority of work areas.

During the past season, 12,273 chains of survey strips were run in the following drainages:

	WHITE PINE DISEASE AND STOCKING SURVEYS, 1949	
Working		Chains
Unit		Survey
Number	Drainage	diam'r.
1	Burnt Cabin and Lost Mine Creeks	000
3	Tom Lavin, Lewelling, and Squirrel Creeks	1,130
5	Iron and Moose Creeks	30
6	Barney, Scribe, and Argument Creeks	150
8	Hayden and E. Fork Hayden Creeks	310
10	Deception and Coffee Creeks	300
11	Knight Creek	100
12	Coeur d'Alene River	210
29	Goose Creek	140
31	Alden, Cabin, Falls, and Jordan Creeks	720
32	Cathedral, Ethel, Tsuga Creeks, and Coeur d'Alene River	940
34	Lost Fork Jordan and Calamity Creeks	1,500
35	West Elk Creek	90
51	Lost Creek	140
52	East Fork Lost Creek	210
56 57	Bear, W. Fork Bear, and Evans Creeks	315
59	Buckskin Creek and Coeur d'Alene River	450
63	Declaration, Surprise, and Ermine Creeks	1,630
67	Stella Creek	710
75	Mill, Reserve, and Fourth of July Creeks	370
77	Gimlet Creek	640
78	Little Tepee Creek and Little No. Fk. Coeur d'Alene River	310
86	Graham, E. Fk. Graham, and Deceitful Creeks	194
88	White, Scott, Missouri, and Rock Creeks	590
90	Dudley and Ferguson Creeks	340
91	Pony and Unknown Creeks	170
92	Prichard Creek	80
57	Deer, Blacktail, and Whitetail Creeks	248
		20.00

Total

12,237

STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES AND COSTS

The statement of expenditures is shown in the following table.

TABLE 1

CLASSIFIED EXPENDITURES, CALENDAR YEAR 1949 COEUR DOALFNE OPERATION

Item	Bureau of Entomology and Plant Quarantine BLR-1-4	V .	Total
Contract ribes erad		\$ 14,089	\$ 14,089
Salary perm. men	\$4,618	11,041	15,659
Salary temp. men		13,996	13,996
Wages temp. labs.	60	88,463	88,523
Subs. supplies		27,335	27,335
Equipment	92	6,071	6,163
Travel and transp.	318	8,404	8,722
Other expenses	449	7,967	8,416
Total	\$5,53 7	\$177,366	\$182,903

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TABLE 2

SUMMARY OF RIBES ERADICATION, 1949 COEUR D'ALENE OPERATION

	Eradication	Year of		10 100		Per Acre	
Working	Туре	Origin	Acres	Man-Days	Ribes	Man-Days	Ribes
	Reproduction	1910-39	50	76	1,017	1.52	20
First	Pole		100	97	2,729	.97	27
FILE	Stream (1)		73	462	37,100	6.33	508
	Total		223	635	40,846	2.85	183
	Plantation	1945-49	50	34	806	.68	16
	Plantation	1940-44	364	310	20,011	.85	55
Second	Reproduction	1910-39	492	936	71,509	1.90	145
ресопа	Pole		992	1,055	22,759	1.06	23
	Stream (2)		220	310	17,190	1.41	78
	Total		2,118	2,645	132,275	1.25	62
	Plantation	1940-44	24	35	707	1.46	29
	Cutover	1920-39	130	289	7,924	2.22	61
Mo t and	Reproduction	1910-39	1,925	2,139	30,124	1.11	16
Third	Pole		75	33	538	.44	7
	Stream (3)		132	240	30,010	1.82	227
	Total		2,286	2,736	69,303	1.20	30
	GRAND TOTAL		4,627	6,016	242,424	1.30	52

Chemical work included above:

Gallons Acres Man-Days Spray

(1)	73	462	3,710
(2)	220	310	2,929
(3)	132	240	2,961

TABLE 3

RIBES SPECIES ERADICATED, 1949
COEUR D'ALENE OPERATION

				1	Ribes Species		
				Ribes	Ribes	Ribes	Total
Working	Eradicat	ion Type	Acres	lacustre	viscosissimum	inerme	Ribes
	Reproductio	n (1910-39)	50	1,017			1,017
First	Pole		100	2,593	136		2,729
PILOU	Stream		73	18,550		18,550	37,100
	Total	223	22,160	136	18,550	40,846	
	Plantation	(1945-49)	50	637	169		806
Second	Plantation	364	13,390	6,621		20,011	
	Reproduction (1910-39)		492	60,881	10,628		71,509
	Pole		992	22,304	455		22,759
	Stream	220	17,190			17,190	
	Total		2,118	114,402	17,873		132,275
	Plantation (1940-44)		24	707			707
		Cutover (1920-39)		7,528	396		7,924
Third	Reproductio	n (1910-39)	1,925	24,646	5,478		30,124
14114	Pole		75	537	1		538
	Stream		132	30,010			30,010
	Total		2,286	63,428	5,875		69,303
	Plantation	(1945-49)	50	637	169		806
	Plantation	(1940-44)	388	14,097	6,621		20,718
All	Cutover (19		130	7,528	396		7,924
Workings	Reproductio	n (1910-39)	2,467	86,544	16,106		102,650
HOTETHRO	Pole		1,167	25,434	592		26,026
	Stream		425	65,750		18,550	84,300
	Total		4,627	199,990	23,884	18,550	242,424

TABLE 4
SUMMARY OF RIBES ERADICATION, 1927-1949
COEUR D'ALEME OPERATION

	Eradication	Year of	Gross Acres			Per A	cre		creage
Working	Туре	Origin	Worked	Man-Days	Ribes	Man-Days	Ribes		Unworked
	Plantation	1945-49	968	578	33,013	.60	34	968	
	Burn	1940-44	716	351	53,652	.49	75	716	
	Plantation	1940-44	992	1,920	465,201	1.94	469	992	227
	Cutover	1940-44	632	508	64,145	.80	101	632	10,136
	Cutover	1920-39	16,575	21,885	5,424,939	1.32	327	16,575	19,034
First	Reproduction	1910-39	90,918	140,303	20,738,871	1.54	228	89,095	9,584
	Pole		65,993	31,376	4,485,334	.48	68	65,257	9,438
	Mature		141,127	87,756	13,801,904	.62	98	123,110	7,359
	Miscellaneous		13,333	16,695	2,965,945	1.25	222	12,909	304
	Stream (1)		14,982	58,506	11,883,182	3.91	793	14,874	2,541
	Total		346,236	359,878	59,916,186	1.04	173	325,128	58,623
	Plantation	1945-49	50	34	806	. 68	16	50	
	Plantation	1940-44	982	1,839	150,971	1.87	154	982	
	Cutover	1940-44	34	18	241	.53	7	34	
	Cutover	1920-39	9,452	13,447	1,975,736	1.42	209	9,452	
0	Reproduction	1910-39	23,922		2,131,258	1.54	89	23,189	
Second	Pole		6,592	5,063	528,948	.77	80	6,592	
	Mature		10,363	8,266	823,509	.80	79	10,063	
	Miscellaneous		1,585	2,963	358,052	1.87	226	1,585	
	Stream (2)		8,368	15,417	1,658,754	1.84	198	8,260	
	Total		61,348	83,973	7,628,275	1.37	124	60,207	
	Plantation	1940-44	918	1,347	63,978	1.47	70	918	
	Cutover	1920-39	5,023	9,424	449,654	1.88	90	5,023	
	Reproduction	1910-39	7,403	10,548	349,147	1.42	47	6,814	
m / 1	Pole		1,812	1,594	80,411	.88	44	1,812	
Third	Mature		2,008	1,477	83,852	.74	42	2,008	
	Miscellaneous		61	72	3,569	1.18	59	61	
	Stream (3)		1,864	3,262	180,746	1.75	97	1,846	
	Total		19,089	27,724	1,211,357	1.45	63	18,482	
	GRAND TOTAL		426,673	471,575	68,755,818	1.11	161	403,817	

Chemical work included above:

	Acres	Man-Days	Gallons Spray
(1)	107	734	7,006
(2)	565	1,130	13,721
(3)	227	447	3,833

TABLE 5

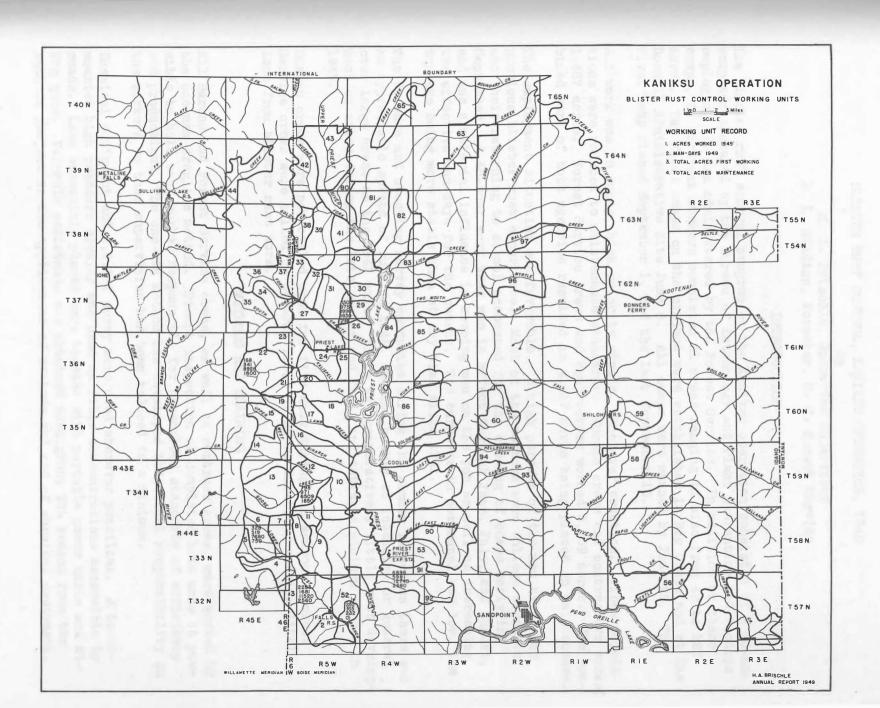
SUMMARY OF RIEES ERADICATION BY CLASSES OF CAMPS, 1927-1949 COEUR D'ALENE OPERATION

2		1000		C. Driver	Gallons	Per Acre	
State	Class	Acres	Man-Days	Ribes	Spray	Man-Days	Ribes
	EQ-Reg.	25,776	8,351	2,846,383		.32	110
	EQ-Emerg.	41,039	35,541	6.589,217		.87	161
	FS-Reg.	98,833	119.860	15,520,800	24,560	1.21	157
Idaho	FS-Emerg.	111,711	86,897	17,620,173		.78	158
	FS-Cont.	1,043		33.786		.89	32
-11	CCC	148,271	220,002	26,145,459		1.48	176
	Total	426,673	471,575	68,755,818	24,560	1.11	161

TABLE 6

OWNERSHIP OF LAND COVERED ON RIBES ERADICATION, 1927-1949 COEUR D'ALENE OPERATION

		Net Acres in Control Area									
			Acres V	Acres	Total						
State	Ownership	First	Second	Third	Total	Unworked	Acres				
- 3	National Forest	308,984	57 854	18,353	385,191	51,672	360,656				
	State	5,427	440	45	5,912	711	6,138				
Idaho	Private	10,717	1,913	84	12,714	6,240	16,957				
	Subtotal Other	16,144	2,353	129	18,626	6,951	23,095				
- 1	Total	325,128	60,207	18,482	403,817	58,623	383,751				



BLISTER RUST CONTROL, KANIKSU OPERATION, 1949

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INTRODUCTION

The blister rust control program on the Kaniksu operation consisted of a 30-man camp administered by the Bureau of Entomology and Plant Quarantine and 7 camps employing 113 men administered by the Forest Service. In addition to these camps, 30 contract workers completed 21 areas ranging in size from 43 to 123 acres. The first camps on the project were established in Big Creek and at the Boswell Administrative Site June 6. All camps were manned by June 25. The first camp closed September 1, and the last September 15.

All work was in young, high priority stands. Wherever practical, ribes populations were reduced to maintenance standards. Bureau crews and contractors worked 1,487 acres. Forest Service crews and contractors worked 5,409 acres. The combined work of both agencies resulted in 4,517 acres being placed on maintenance.

The employment situation was favorable. A high percent of the men hired had previous blister rust experience. Most of the workers were college students and their returning to school accounted for the closing of camps early in September. A 48-hour work week was in effect through June, July, and August, and was a material influence in keeping men on the job as well as increasing the effective man-days for the season. The turnover in personnel was low, the workers being more stable than at any time since 1941.

The disease and stocking survey conducted during the summer indicates there was an appreciable spread of rust in 1946, but not nearly so intensive or general over large areas as the 1941 wave. There was comparatively little rust development on ribes during the late summer and fall, indicating a minimum spread in 1949.

Bureau crews were not called upon for fire duty during the season. Forest Service crews were called on several fires of short duration, causing little loss from blister rust work.

METHODS AND TRAINING

All Bureau and Forest Service areas, as well as contract areas, were worked by the one-man dragline method. Prompt inspection of completed lots made it possible to hold each worker responsible for prescribed standards of efficiency and production. The one-man method has developed individual responsibility in the workers so that supervision has been reduced to a minimum.

Chemical equipment and 2,4,5-T spray were used wherever practical. A truck-mounted high pressure sprayer was used on ribes concentrations accessible by roads. Less accessible places were treated with portable power units and Hi-Fog guns. Valuable assistance was obtained throughout the season from the methods project in the application of methods and use of chemical equipment.

Due to the favorable results of contract work in 1948, this phase of the program was materially increased in 1949. Approximately 29 percent of the area worked by the Bureau and 24 percent of that worked by the Forest Service in 1949 were under contract.

Charts and illustrated material were used to train the men in proper work methods and in the use of tools and equipment. This was followed by periodic instruction throughout the summer. Athletic equipment was secured through donations from the workers. Softball and basketball games after work hours and over week ends proved valuable in building good camp morale.

CHECKING AND SURVEYS

A crew of 10 Forest Service and Bureau checkers did the necessary current and post check work. Checkers inspected the laracre lots promptly upon completion to insure the quality of work. A sample random strip was run in each lot and all likely ribes sites were inspected. By this method, it is estimated at least 12 percent of the ground was inspected. Two Forest Service men were needed to lay out and check completed contract work.

In addition to the regular check, 8,585 acres were post checked and reclassified as 2,840 acres on maintenance and 5,745 acres needing rework. All areas set up for contract work were first post checked to determine as accurately as possible the existing ribes pattern and the need for working.

A six-man crew under the supervision of Robert S. Morgan, Forester, conducted a disease and stocking survey from June 1 to October 30. Its purpose was to obtain additional damage and stocking data in pole stands in order to adjust unit boundaries to meet pathological and physical requirements for feasible blister rust control units.

Surveys were made in 20 units in the Priest Lake drainage extending from the Lower West Branch through to the Upper Priest River drainage. Rust damage to pine on a quadrat basis for the units surveyed is as follows:

Hughs Ridge	12%	Kalispell Creek	12%
Boulder Creek	24%	Upper Lamb Creek	11%
Zero Creek	38%	Lamb Creek	10%
Fedar Creek	14%	Solo Creek	23%
Tunnel Creek	24%	Pelke	16%
Kalispell Bay	10%	Reeder Mountain	25%

Upper Priest was surveyed for the first time; damage above Rock Creek was found to be 74 percent or almost a complete loss of the present stand of white pine. Other areas lost to white pine are Tillicum Creek, Cache Creek, south fork of Granite Creek, Upper Hughs Fork, and Quartz Creek.

In addition to damage and stocking data, the crew also recorded information on pole blight which was submitted to the Division of Forest Pathology. Pole blight has been found in the Lower West Branch, Binarch Creek, Lamb Creek, and Reeder Mountain areas.

LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION OF AREAS

Bureau Camp 401

Located at the forks of Big Creek in working unit 92. Work was completed on 1,061 acres at the rate of .81 man-day per acre; 28 ribes per acre were removed. As a result of this work, 350 acres were placed on maintenance and 711 were placed in the post check category. Future work in the drainage will be confined to stream type and isolated patches of upland which can be worked to advantage by contractors. The Big Creek drainage has presented a ribes control problem due to conditions following logging and a 1931 burn.

The initial strength of the camp was 30 men. Ten men took ribes eradication contracts during July and August when six contract areas were awarded.

Bureau Contract Work

Contracts totaling 626 acres and obligating \$4,448.76 were awarded to low bidders for the eradication of ribes on 6 areas in the Fox Creek drainage. Four areas amounting to 426 acres were completed to specifications; time was extended on 2 until 1950. Accepted prices ranged from \$9.74 to \$12.41 per acre. The average total cost was \$12.22 per acre after estimated administrative costs of \$2 per acre were added. As a result of the work, the entire 626 acres were placed on maintenance. Additional contracts to complete all necessary work in Fox Creek are planned for 1950.

Forest Service Camp 400

Located at Blister Rust Control Headquarters, Kalispell Bay. The first 2 weeks in July a crew of 10 men completed the necessary work on 63 acres of upland adjacent to white pine plantations in Kalispell Bay working unit No. 20. After mid-July, a three-man crew was trained to operate a truck-mounted high pressure spray unit. This unit, using 2,4,5-T spray, was used to treat small Ribes lacustre and R. viscosissimum adjacent to plantations in the vicinity of Diamond Peak. Ribes were associated with other low brush which necessitated covering the area by the broadcast method. An area of 37 acres was covered at the rate of 2.81 man-days per acre. It is estimated that 37,000 ribes were treated. In August, the men and equipment were moved to Forest Service Camp 451 where 13 acres of recent cutover supporting many small ribes were treated. This area is adjacent to the South Baldy plantation. It was treated at the rate of 1.54 man-days per acre. It is estimated 23,400 R. lacustre and R. viscosissimum were treated.

Forest Service Camp 451

Camp 451 was located near the Boswell Administrative Site. Areas worked were in the South Baldy, Pee Wee Creek, and Tunnel Creek plantations. Pee Wee and Tunnel Creek plantings are on recent control burns. Protection of these planted areas involved the removal of large ribes from the unburned portions as well as ribes seedlings from the newly planted burn. In addition to 583 acres of plantation, this camp completed work on 1,544 acres in reproduction and cutover type. As a result of this work, 1,224 acres of 1910-39 reproduction were placed on maintenance.

Forest Service Camp 452

Camp 452 was located near the Pelke Administrative Site. Men were housed in permanent camp-type buildings constructed in 1948 in cooperation with the Falls Ranger District. Buildings and facilities are shared jointly with the district crews, thus minimizing equipment rental costs and the cost of constructing and dismantling temporary camps.

The camp worked 798 acres in reproduction and cutover stands within the Pelke unit. As a result of the season s work, 268 acres were placed on maintenance.

Forest Service Camp 453

Located on Feder Creek, a tributary of Granite Creek. This area is known as the Feder Creek unit and comprises 1,990 acres; 1,331 are plantation and young natural white pine stands. As a result of this year work, the entire unit has been placed on maintenance.

If sound timber management is practiced, this unit should require a minimum of future blister rust control work to carry the existing young stands through to maturity.

Forest Service Camp 454

Camp 454 was a 12-man pack camp located along the ridge between Hungry Mountain and Kalispell Rock. Work started in 1948 was continued. Hi-Fog guns were used to apply 2,4,5-T spray to numerous large ribes intermingled with brush. Many windfalls and the brush made it impractical to continue with spray equipment, and plans were made for a control burn. Early damp weather prevented carrying out this plan. It is hoped conditions will be favorable for burning in 1950. After the area is burned, it will be an integral part of the existing plantation and can be planted to desirable species.

From observations made during the summer, it appears that approximately 85 percent of the \underline{R} . lacustre and \underline{R} . viscosissimum treated in 1948 were dead. Present plans are to continue with Hi-Fog spray work between Gleason Mountain and Hungry Mountain in 1950.

Forest Service Contract Work

Seventeen contract areas totaling 1,299 acres were completed by contractors during the year. The areas are all in the Lower West Branch drainage and ranged in size from 57 acres to 123 acres. The 1949 contract prices varied from \$8.23 to \$16.50 per acre, depending on working conditions. The average net price paid to contractors was \$12.44. Estimated administrative costs were \$3 per acre, making the total cost \$15.44.

Contract work started early in April and continued through September. No areas were checked for payment after September 15 due to early defoliation of ribes. All areas approved for payment were worked to contract specifications and resulted in the completion of 1,299 acres, 53 percent of which was placed on maintenance.

The 17 completed contract areas were awarded to 11 different contractors. Approximately 30 men participated in the work. All contractors who carried on their job in a businesslike manner were able to show a good rate of pay for their work. One of the main difficulties experienced by most contractors is the inability to properly subsist themselves. In time, contractors will become better equipped and overcome some of the obstacles encountered during the past season.

In addition to the completed work, there are 20 areas involving 1,737 acres on which awards were made late in the year, or time extended to June 30, 1950. The total obligated amount for 1949, completed and incompleted contracts, is \$41,625. The outlook for contract work in the future is favorable. Bidding on all areas has been spirited and highly competitive.

STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES AND COSTS

The statement of expenditures is shown in the following table:

TABLE 1

CLASSIFIED EXPENDITURES, CALENDAR YEAR 1949

KANIKSU OPERATION

	Bureau d	of Entomo	ology & I	Plant Qua	arantine		
		Coope	rative Co	ontrol		Forest	
		Federal	State &			Service	
Item	BLR-1-4	BLR-3-4	Private	Total	Total	BLR-4	Total
Contract ribes erad.		\$ 4,586		\$ 4,586	\$ 4,586	\$ 16,158	\$ 20,744
Salary perm. men	\$ 9,291	789		789	10,080	11,125	21,205
Salary temp. men	158	867	\$ 1,952	2,819	2,977	13,120	16,097
Wages temp. laborers	120	2,562	8,269	10,831	10,951	69,277	80,228
Subsistence supplies	138	1,880		1,880	2,018	20,165	22,183
Equipment	215	57		57	272	1,461	1,733
Travel and transp.	833	374		374	1,207	3,313	4,520
Other expenses	913	842		842	1,755	8,472	10,227
Total	\$11,668	\$11,957	\$10,221	\$22,178	\$33,846	\$143,091	\$176,937

TABLE 2 SUMMARY OF RIBES ERADICATION, 1949 KANIKSU OPERATION

	Eradication	Year of				Per A	cre
Working	Туре	Origin	Acres	Man-Days	Ribes	Man-Days	Ribes
	Plantation	1945-49	268	342	10,373	1.28	39
	Cutover	1945-49	81	131	7,827	1.62	97
First	Cutover	1940-44	30	22	1,042	.73	35
FILSU	Reproduction (1)	1910-39	147	299	44,033	2.03	300
	Pole (2)		12	49	7,260	4.08	605
	Total		538	843	70,535	1.57	131
	Cutover	1940-44	142	39	326	. 27	2
	Cutover	1920-39	833	928	14,016	1.11	17
Second	Reproduction (3)	1910-39	979	392	14,404	.40	15
	Pole		324	98	884	. 30	3
	Total		2,278	1,457	29,630	.64	13
	Plantation	1945-49	315	499	29,282	1.58	93
	Cutover (4)	1940-44	240	193	29,079	.80	121
	Cutover	1920-39	1,287	778	23,763	.60	18
Third	Reproduction (5)	1910-39	1,856	1,874	67,120	1.01	36
Initu	Pole		185	85	984	.46	5
	Mature		43	9	62	.21	1
	Stream		154	243	4,422	1.58	29
	Total		4,080	3,681	154,712	.90	38
	GRAND TOTAL		6,896	5,981	254.877	.87	37

Chemical work included above:

Upland

* Broadcast spraying 2,4,5-T

TABLE 3

SUMMARY OF RIBES ERADICATION BY CLASSES OF CAMPS, 1949

KANIKSU OPERATION

						Gallons	Per A	cre
State	Working	Class	Acres	Man-Days	Ribes	Spray	Man-Days	Ribes
	First	FS-Reg.	461	541	20,825		1.17	45
		EQ-Coop.	85	26	679		.31	8
	Casand	FS-Reg.	1,661	1,123	13,449		.68	8
	Second	FS-Cont.	441	269	7,821		.61	18
		Total	2,187	1,418	21,949		. 65	10
		EQ-Coop.	976	830	28,561		.85	29
	Third	EQ-Cont.	426	254	1,656		. 60	4
Idaho		FS-Reg.	1,449	1,054	13,864		.73	10
		FS-Cont.			16,360		1.10	22
		Total	3,609	2,974	60,441		.82	17
		EQ-Coop.	1,061	856	29,240		.81	28
	422	EQ-Cont.	426	254	1,656	10	.60	4
	All	FS-Reg.	3,571	2,718	48,138		.76	13
	Workings	FS-Cont.	1,199	1,105	24,181		.92	20
		Total	6,257	4,933	103,215		.79	16
The same	First	FS-Reg.	77	302	49,710	1,752	3.92	646
	Second	FS-Reg.	91	39	7,681	191	.43	84
		FS-Reg.	371	630	89,744	16,700	1.70	242
Washington	Third	FS-Cont.	100	77	4,527		.77	45
MERTITRION		Total	471	707	94,271	16,700	1.50	200
	All Workings	FS-Reg.	539	971	147,135	18,643	1.80	273
		FS-Cont.	100	77	4,527		.77	45
		Total	639	1,048	151,662	18,643	1.64	237
	First	FS-Reg.	538	843	70,535	1,752	1.57	131
		EQ-Coop.	85	26	679		.31	8
		FS-Reg.	1,752	1,162	21,130	191	.66	12
	Second	FS-Cont.	441	269	7,821		.61	18
		Total	2,278	1,457	29,630	191	.64	13
		EQ-Coop.	976	830	28,561		.85	29
		EQ-Cont.	426	254	1,656		. 60	4
Total	Third	FS-Reg.	1,820	1,684	103,608	16,700	.93	57
		FS-Cont.	858	913	20,887		1.06	24
		Total	4,080	3,681	154,712	16,700	.90	38
		EQ-Coop.		856	29,240		.81	28
		EQ-Cont.	426	254	1,656		.60	4
	All	FS-Reg.	4,110		195,273	18,643	.90	48
	Workings	FS-Cont.			28,708	25,010	.91	22
		Total	6,896	5,981	254,877	18,643		37

TABLE 4

OWNERSHIP OF LAND COVERED ON RIBES ERADICATION, 1949
KANIKSU OPERATION

				Acre	es Worl	ced				
			Ву		Ву	Total Federal				
		Fore	st Servi	ce	BEPQ State		To			
State	Working	National Forest	Private	Total		National Forest	State	Private	Total	GRAND TOTAL
	First	421	40	461		421		40	40	461
Idaho	Second	1,930	172	2,102	85	1,930	85	172	257	2,187
	Third	1,906	301	2,207	1,402	1,906	1,402	301	1,703	3,609
	Total	4,257	513	4,770	1,487	4,257	1,487	513	2,000	6,257
	First	77		77		77				77
Title aled a set and	Second	91		91		91				91
Washington	Third	324	147	471		324		147	147	47]
THE RESERVE AND ADDRESS.	Total	492	147	639		492		147	147	639
	First	498	40	538		498		40	40	538
Total	Second	2,021	172	2,193	85	2,021	85	172	257	2,278
TOTAL	Third	2,230	448	2,678	1,402	2,230	1,402	448	1,850	4,080
	Total	4,749	660	5,409	1,487	4,749	1,487	660	2,147	6,896

TABLE 5

RIBES SPECIES ERADICATED, 1949
KANIKSU OPERATION

	19.61-01		1	Ribes Species		
	Eradication		Ribes	Ribes	Ribes	Total
Working	Туре	Acres	lacustre	viscosissimum	inerme	Ribes
	Plantation (1945-49)	268	1,935	8,438		10,37
	Cutover (1945-49)	81	260	7,567		7,82
First	Cutover (1940-44)	30	262	1	779	1,04
FILEC	Reproduction (1910-39)	147	8,084	35,941	8	44,03
	Pole	12	1,870	5,390		7,260
	Total	538	12,411	57,337	787	70,53
	Cutover (1940-44)	142	273	13	40	320
	Cutover (1920-39)	833	7,544	6,331	141	14,01
Second	Reproduction (1910-39)	979	4,066	10,026	312	14,40
	Pole	324	362	522		88
	Total	2,278	12,245	16,892	493	29,63
	Plantation (1945-49)	315	3,216	26,055	11	29,28
	Cutover (1940-44)	240	7,163	21,916		29,079
	Cutover (1920-39)	1,287	15,788	7,707	268	23,76
m. 13	Reproduction (1910-39)	1,856	12,915	50,079	4,126	67,120
Third	Pole	185	509	209	266	984
	Mature	43	48	14		6:
	Stream	154	2,605		1,817	4,42
	Total	4,080	42,244	105,980	6,488	154,71
	Plantation (1945-49)	583	5,151	34,493	11	39,65
	Cutover (1945-49)	81	260	7,567		7,82
	Cutover (1940-44)	412	7,698	21,930	819	30,44
A11	Cutover (1920-39)	2,120	23,332	14,038	409	37,77
	Reproduction (1910-39)		25,065	96,046	4,446	125,55
Workings	Pole	521		6,121	266	9,12
	Mature	43		14		6
	Stream	154	2,605		1,817	_
	Total		66,900	180,209		254,87

TABLE 6

SUMMARY OF RIBES ERADICATION, 1923-1949

KANIKSU OPERATION

	Eradication	Year of	Gross Acres		The last	Per A	ere		ereage ining
Working	Туре	Origin	Worked	Man-Days	Ribes	Man-Days	Ribes	Worked	Unworked
	Burn	1945-49	243	548	111,750	2.26	460	243	
	Plantation	1945-49	298	359	11,971	1.20	40	298	205
	Cutover	1945-49	1,105	1,172	163,163	1.06	148	1,105	7,395
	Burn	1940-44	210	184	47,333	.88	225	210	
	Plantation	1940-44	2,631	1,317	490,404	.50	186	2,631	
	Cutover (4)	1940-44	4,688	3,699	690,602	.79	147	4,688	35,846
First	Cutover	1920-39	12,147	8,924	1,875,327	.73	154	11,573	24,406
	Reproduction (5)	1910-39		119,924	32,877,424	.72	197	160,684	
	Pole (6)		129,971		6,365,218	•35	49	128,656	23,852
	Mature		142,774	30,837	5,824,592	.22	41	110,479	
	Miscellaneous		7,387		1,995,603	.68	270	6,024	
	Stream (1)	71111	22,927		9,390,276	2.19	410	22,283	
	Total		491,684	268,110	59,843,663	•55	122	448,874	
	Plantation	1945-49			115,811	1.60	393	295	
	Plantation	1940-44	2,631	1,435	50,089	•55	19	2,631	
	Cutover	1940-44			10,796	.53	15	707	
	Cutover	1920-39	8,459	9,985	1,836,299		217	8,459	
	Reproduction (7)	1910-39			5,716,872	.83	102	55,053	
Second	Pole (8)			17,046	1,160,908	.44	30	39,075	
	Mature		7,372		360,045	•55	49	7,372	
	Miscellaneous		1,377		47,147	•48	34	1,377	
	Stream (2)		12,342		1,507,256	1.33	122	12,287	
	Total		128,219		10,805,223	.76	84	127,256	
	Plantation	1945-49	315		29,282	1.58	93	315	
	Plantation	1940-44	1,933	480	13,310	.25	7	1,933	
	Cutover (9)	1940-44			29,788	.72	77	386	
	Cutover	1920-39		6,131	423,391	.79	54	7,795	
	Reproduction (10)				1,294,937	.91	64	20,362	
Third	Pole (11)		2,519		67,095	.31	27	2,519	
	Mature		1,299		107,927	.54	83	1,299	
	Miscellaneous		637	288	5,587	.45	9	637	
	Stream (3)		1,989	2,361	94,516	1.19	48	1,989	
	Total		37,235		2,065,833	.81	55	37,235	
	GRAND TOTAL			395,324	72,714,719	.60	111	613,365	

Chemical work included above:

Gallons Spray
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TABLE 7

SUMMARY OF RIBES ERADICATION BY CLASSES OF CAMPS, 1923-1949
KANIKSU OPERATION

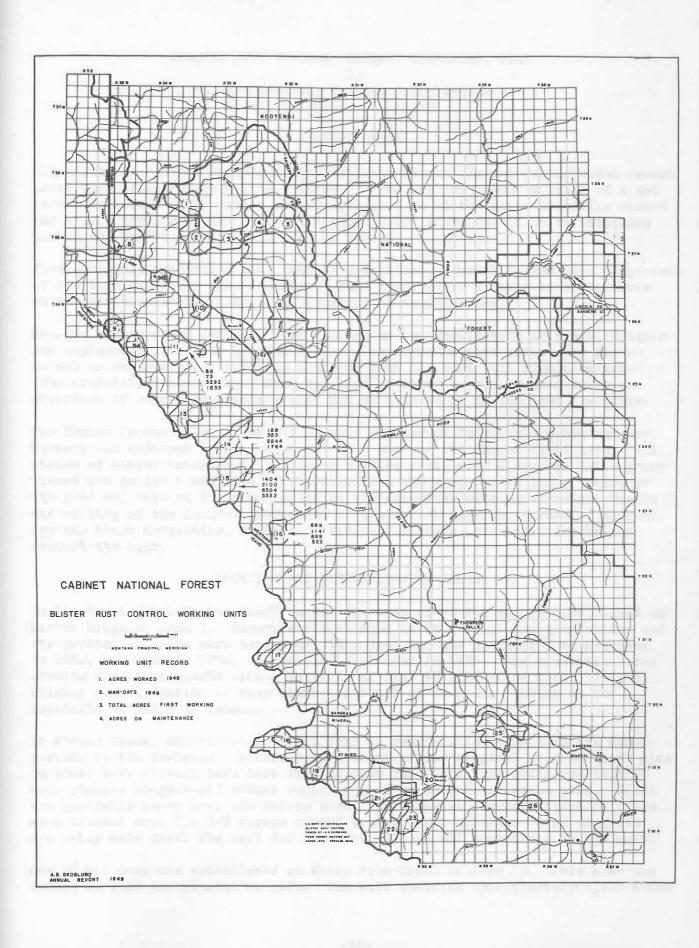
		Gross		Total	Gallons	Per A	cre
State	Class	Acres	Man-Days	Ribes	Spray	Man-Days	Ribes
	EQ-Reg.	18,796	6,844	1,066,689		.36	57
	EQ-Coop.	163,762	66,437	12,013,990	1,979	.41	73
	EQ-Cont.	426	254	1,656		.60	4
	EQ-Emerg.	99,041	68,851	11,333,497		.70	114
Idaho	FS-Reg.	57,127	51,474	5,318,968	3,374	.90	93
	FS-Cont.	2,029				.77	16
	FS-Emerg.	99,269	38,823	8,788,474		.39	89
	CCC	62,419	50,478	8,451,835		.81	135
	Total	502,869	284,722	47,006,999	5,353	.57	93
	EQ-Emerg.	31,629	19,288	6,754,071		.61	214
	FS-Reg.	63,846	52,146	11,448,629	27,445	.82	179
	FS-Cont.	100	77	4,527		.77	45
Washington	FS-Emerg.	36,366	14,386	4,013,260		.40	110
	CCC	22,328	24,705	3,487,233	-	1.11	156
	Total	154,269	110,602	25,707,720	27,445	.72	167
	EQ-Reg.	18,796	6,844	1,066,689		.36	57
	EQ-Coop.	163,762	66,437	12,013,990	1,979	.41	73
1	EQ-Cont.	426	254	1,656		•60	4
	EQ-Emerg.	130,670	88,139	18,087,568		. 67	138
Total	FS-Reg.	120,973	103,620	16,767,597	30,819	.86	139
1.7	FS-Cont.	2,129		36,417		.77	17
	FS-Emerg.	135,635		12,801,734		. 39	94
	CCC	84,747	75,183	11,939,068		.89	141
	Total	657,138	395,324	72,714,719	32,798	.60	111

TABLE 8

OWNERSHIP OF LAND COVERED ON RIBES ERADICATION, 1923-1949

KANIKSU OPERATION

			Acres l		es in Co	Acres	Total	
State	Ownership	First	Second		Total	Unworked	Acres	
	National Forest	181,188	50,332	8,107	239,627	54,521	235,709	
	Public Domain	54			54	80	134	
	Subtotal Federal	181,242	50,332	8,107	239,681	54,601	235,843	
Idaho	State	103,915	28,351	14,131	146,397	31,122	135,037	
	Private	66,476	16,670	4,048	87,194	43,611	110,087	
	Subtotal Other	170,391	45,021	18,179	233,591	74,733	245,124	
	Total	351,633	95,353	26,286	473,272	129,334	480,967	
	National Forest	90,049	29,915	10,454	130,418	30,599	120,648	
	State	2,080	80		2,160		2,080	
Washington	Private	5,112	1,908	495	7,515	3,643	8,755	
	Subtotal Other	7,192	1,988	495	9,675	3,643	10,835	
	Total	97,241	31,903	10,949	140,093	34,242	131,483	
	National Forest	271,237	80,247	18,561	370,045	85,120	356,357	
	Public Domain	54			54	80	134	
	Subtotal Federal	271,291	80,247	18,561	370,099	85,200	356,491	
Total	State	105,995	28,431	14,131	148,557	31,122	137,117	
	Private	71,588	18,578	4,543	94,709	47,254	118,842	
	Subtotal Other	177,583	47,009	18,674	243,266	78,376	255,959	
	Total	448,874	127,256	37,235	613,365	163,576	612,450	



BLISTER RUST CONTROL, CABINET OPERATION, 1949 By

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INTRODUCTION

All ribes eradication in 1949 in the Cabinet National Forest was directed toward protection of young white pine plantations and reproduction. A total of 2,485 acres was worked which brings the net progress to 81,629 acres initially worked and 17,405 acres reworked. Approximately 13,000 acres remain to be initially worked and 24,893 acres are in need of rework.

Fire seriously interfered with control operations. During August over 40 percent of the time was spent fighting fire. This resulted in a large labor turnover which necessitated the closing of camps prior to Labor Day.

Man-day requirements per acre were reduced by the application of new techniques and employment of higher quality labor. Camp construction costs were above normal as considerable damage to standing tent and mess hall frames resulted from unusually heavy snows. Many man-days of labor were also used in reconstruction of roads and trails washed out by high water of the past few years.

The Timber Products Bureau of the Spokane Chamber of Commerce visited Savenac Nursery and adjacent areas during May as a part of its annual field trip. All phases of timber management, including blister rust, were discussed. The group viewed the entire transition of the tree from the preparation and planting of the seed and care of the young stock to the selective cutting of mature stands and milling of the lumber. Personnel of the Forest Service, Bureau of Entomology and Plant Quarantine, state and private foresters, and operators helped conduct the tour.

LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION OF AREAS

In the Trout Creek-Marten Creek units, one camp of 90 men was re-established on Minton Ridge on June 1. Rework was continued in four Robin Run plantations and the protection zones were extended. This drainage was completely burned over in 1910, reburned in 1934, and partially planted in 1939. The plantations are showing excellent growth with a survival of over 90 percent of trees planted. Blister rust infection is very light. A total of 75 acres remains to be initially worked next season.

In Marten Creek, additional work was done in reproduction stands in the upper portion of the drainage. Although 20 percent of the original stocked white pine quadrats have already been lost from blister rust, the area still consists of well-stocked 30-year-old stands containing 40 to 50 percent white pine. Ribes are generally heavy over the entire area. The heavier concentrations of ribes were treated with 2,4,5-T sprays pumped from a power sprayer. Good progress was being made until the call for fire duty closed all operations in the unit.

One 33-man camp was established on White Pine Creek on June 13. This area was burned in 1910 and planted in 1931. The unit contains approximately 1,200 acres

of which 700 acres are well stocked reproduction stands and plantations of 50 to 75 percent white pine. Blister rust infection is very light and little damage has occurred. The area was not completed due to heavy turnover of overhead and crewmen

METHODS AND TRAINING

All men were trained in use of the one-man dragline system. In this method of ribes eradication, a crewman was assigned to a lane 2½ chains wide and laid out in 5-chain long blocks. Generally the lanes were worked from the top toward the bottom with the crewman pulling his dragline as he worked along. When it was necessary to start at the bottom of a lane, the individual always laid his dragline in advance of actual work. Men especially trained in compass and pacing were used to lay out all lanes and blocks. Every other lane was permanently marked to facilitate relocation.

A Friend power sprayer was used to apply 2,4,5-T sprays to heavy concentrations of ribes in Marten Creek. Water was supplied to the sprayer by the 500-gallon tank truck that furnished water to the camp. About three-fourths mile of main line hose was laid downhill from the sprayer located on the road. Four lateral spray hoses were used from the main line with a pressure of 125 pounds.

Knapsack units were used to spray ribes along streams. All chemical work appeared to be effective. Ribes triste and R. inerme sprayed in 1948 were completely killed by one application of 2,4,5-T spray.

Every man reporting to the job received the same thorough and systematic program of training. Differences in production accomplishments during the season were due entirely to individual abilities.

One ribes eradication contract was executed on 66 acres in Pilgrim Creek. The cost amounted to \$23.50 per acre including layout and checking charges. While no saving was made, the contract was awarded in expectation of gains to be made in the future through competitive bidding.

SAFETY

The vigorous safety program employed during the past several years has produced results. In 1949 there were four reportable accidents and no lost time accidents which means that no field time was lost due to injuries. There has also been a noticeable saving of equipment and supplies from accidental damage. Adequate training during the indoctrination period followed up with regularly scheduled safety meetings has impressed upon the individuals the value and necessity of safety consciousness.

CHECKING AND SURVEYS

A crew of three checkers under the direction of a checker foreman checked all worked area. In addition, they ran a post check on 2,500 acres in McKay Creek to determine the status of these areas initially worked in 1934.

The intensive checking procedure adopted for checking of one-man lanes has accomplished two things. It has resulted in a higher percent check of areas at no additional cost and has assisted eradication crews to achieve higher standards of work. Greater efficiency is attained by designating rework areas in small units.

A crew of three men was trained to do stocking and disease survey. The same procedure was used as that adopted for last season. Surveys were not completed for Pilgrim and Rock Creeks. Results are summarized in the following analysis.

WHITE PINE STOCKING AND BLISTER RUST LOSS SURVEY

Unit	Class	No. Chains	Total Stocking	Percent White Pine Stocking	Percent Damage
Dry Cr.	2	233	Well	29	18
	3A & 3B	446	Medium	9	34
Star Gulch	3B	254	Medium	5	31
Rock Cr.	2	683	Medium	12	3
the says of the lot	3A & 3B	803	Medium	3	13
McKay Cr.	2	481	Well	32	6
The state of the s	3A & 3B	1,185	Medium	6	6
Trout Cr.	1 & 2	1,540	Well	65	1.0
	3B	230	Light	80	17
White Pine Cr.	1 & 2	651	Medium	70	2
	3A & 3B	254	Light	37	8
W. F. Big Cr.	1 & 2	416	Medium	40	47
	3A	241	Medium	9	42
M. F. Big Cr.	1	190	Medium	60	47
The state of the s	3A & 3B	163	Medium	6	35

CONTROL STATUS

A total of 43,925 acres is now on maintenance which represents 54 percent of the worked area. Of the 2,485 acres worked this season, 1,237 acres are on maintenance, 546 acres are on post check, and 702 acres are on rework.

An examination of 9,000 white pine transplants in Savenac Nursery revealed less than of percent blister rust infection. This reduction in infection from a high of 447 percent in 1942 is largely due to the removal of ribes from Haugan Lookout. However, as it is essential that the ribes in the immediate stream type be kept at a minimum, the stream type on Big Creek and Savenac Creek in the nursery zone should be worked by a few men early next season.

Reproduction stands in the St. Regis River units are in a critical stage as from now on there will be severe damage to the stands. Progress that will be made in the protection of these stands in the next two years will largely determine the final stocking. In Rivers Creek and the canyon portion of the middle fork of Big Creek, blister rust damage is so extensive that no further control work is warranted. In the unworked unit of Deer Creek, damage is so great that no ribes eradication should be performed prior to rehabilitation.

Since inception of the blister rust program in 1934, there has been little disturbance of the control areas. Fire has caused no damage to the stocking in any of the control units. Marten Creek is the only control unit from which any timber has been cut. In this unit, upon the removal of all merchantable products, the area will be burned and planted. Fifty-seven acres of pole timber were destroyed by three snow slides in 1937 on the east fork of Bull River.

The first indication of any pole blight in the Cabinet Forest was observed in Blue Creek in 1945. Pole blight has now been found in all drainages in the control units along Bull River as well as in Rock Creek and Smeads bench. Extensive damage occurs in Engle fork of Rock Creek and Snake Creek in the east fork of Bull River. Several plots have been established in these drainages by the research staff of the University of Idaho in order to study the cause and effect of the blight.

RESISTANT WHITE PINE

A conference of Forest Service and Bureau of Entomology and Plant Quarantine personnel was held at Savenac Nursery in September to consider propogation of white pine resistant to blister rust and to formulate plans for the establishment of an arboretum for resistant white pine. An area in Randolph Creek fulfilling the requirements was selected. A plot of 2.15 acres was cleared and slash wind-rowed by bulldozer in anticipation of planting next spring.

STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES AND COSTS

The statement of expenditures is shown in the following table.

TABLE 1

CLASSIFIED EXPENDITURES, CALENDAR YEAR 1949

CABINET OPERATION

	Bureau of Entomology		me,ca 1
THE PERSON WILLIAM	and Plant Quarantine	Forest Service	20
Item	BLR-1-4	BLR∞4	Total
Contract ribes erad	· 1000000000000000000000000000000000000	\$ 1,444	\$ 1,444
Salary perm. men	\$2,369	7,611	9,980
Wages temp. labs.	30	64,041	64,071
Subs. supplies		14,079	14,079
Equipment	46	2,309	2,355
Travel and transp.	283	412	695
Other expenses	225	4,319	4,544
Total	\$2,953	\$94,215	\$97,168

TABLE 2

SUMMARY OF RIBES ERADICATION, 1949 CABINET OPERATION

	Eradication	Year of				Per A	
Working	Туре	Origin	Acres	Man-Days	Ribes	Man-Days	Ribes
	Reproduction (2)	1910-39	1,598	2,557	131,320	1.60	82
First	Stream (1)		42	209	40,940	4.98	975
	Total		1,640	2,766	172,260	1.69	105
Second	Reproduction	1910-39	776	829	18,580	1.07	24
Third	Reproduction	1910-39	69	102	1,540	1.48	22
	GRAND TOTAL		2,485	3,697	192,380	1.49	77

Chemical work included above:

Stream

Upland

	Acres	Man-Days	Gallons Spray		Acres	Man-Days	Gallons Spray
(1)	42	197	3,935	(2)	25	81	1,600

TABLE 3

RIBES SPECIES ERADICATED, 1949

CABINET OPERATION

			Ribes	s Species	-	
Working	Eradication Type	Acres	Ribes lacustre	Ribes viscosissimum	Total Ribes	
	Reproduction (1910-39)	1,598	69,280	62,040	131,320	
First	Stream	42	38,880	2,060	40,940	
	Total	1,640	108,160	64,100	172,260	
Second	Reproduction (1910-39)	776	3,720	14,860	18,580	
Third	Reproduction (1910-39)	69	260	1,280	1,540	
422	Reproduction (1910-39)	2,443	73,260	78,180	151,440	
All	Stream	42	38,880	2,060	40,940	
Workings	Total	2,485	112,140	80,240	192,380	

TABLE 4

SUMMARY OF RIBES ERADICATION, 1928-1949 CABINET OPERATION

	Eradication	Year of	Gross Acres			Per A	cre		Acreage
Working	Туре	Origin	Worked	Man-Days	Ribes	Man-Day	Ribes	Worked	Unworked
	Cutover	1940-1944							399
	Reproduction (4)	1910-1939	37,398	40,588	6,610,930	1.09	177	36,836	4,571
	Pole		25,959	9,213	1,745,885	.35	67	25,670	6,334
First	Mature		9,377	4,457	1,064,702	.48	114	9,357	1,712
	Miscellaneous		4,900	2,230	596,499	.46	122	4,650	
	Stream (1)		5,116	16,375	3,694,928	3.20	722	5,116	
	Total		82,750	72,863	13,712,944	•88	166	81,629	13,016
1	Reproduction	1910-1939	7,513	11,720	918,875	1.56	122	7,513	
	Pole		1,108	1,423	101,767	1.28	92	1,108	
Second	Mature		28	27	1,799	.96	64	28	
	Miscellaneous		33	34	1,503	1.03	46	33	
	Stream (2)		3,140	5,729	727,480	1.82	232	3,140	
	Total		11,822	18,933	1,751,424	1.60	148	11,822	
	Reproduction	1910-1939	2,208	2,636	125,741	1.19	57	2,208	
Third	Pole		125	149	7,256	1.19	58	125	
and	Stream (3)		3,250	3,922	193,635	1.21	60	3,250	
Other	Total		5,583	6,707	326,632	1.20	59	5,583	
	GRAND TOTAL		100,155		15,791,000		158	99,034	

Chemical work included above:

		Stream				Upland	
	Acres	Man-Days	Gallons Spray		Acres	Man-Days	Gallons Spray
(2)) 250	2,196 579 269	65,025 26,821 4,623	(4)	25	81	1,600

TABLE 5

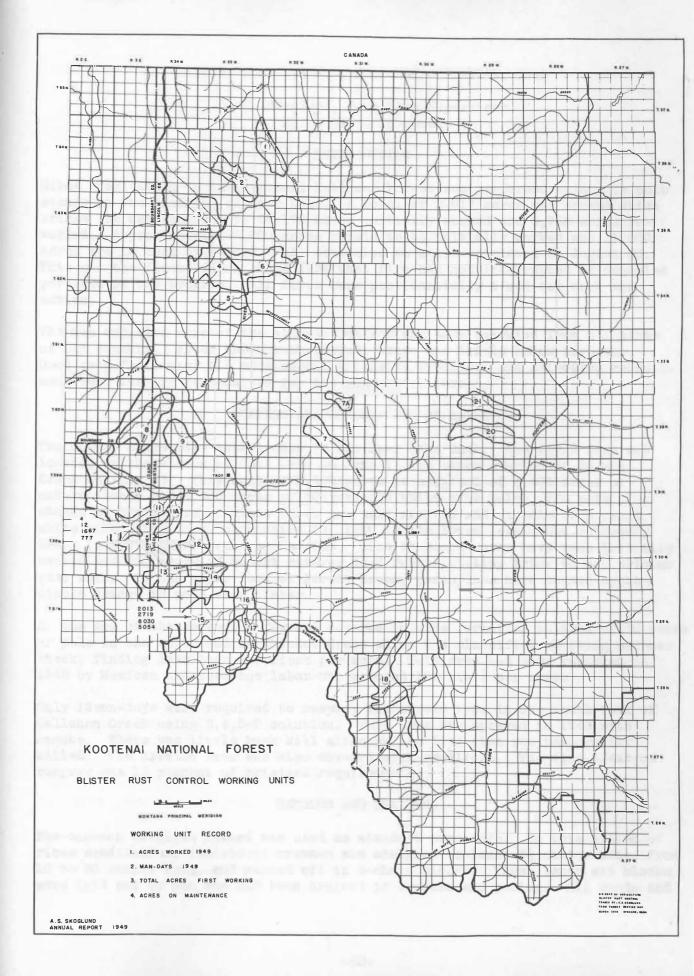
SUMMARY OF RIBES ERADICATION BY CLASSES OF CAMPS, 1928-1949 CABINET OPERATION

	Gross		Total	Gallons	Per A	ere
Class	Acres	Man-Days Ribes		Spray	Man-Days	Ribes
EQ-Reg.	2,002	3,295	761,710	34,795	1.65	380
EQ-Emergency	34,321	16,293	3,840,639	1,330	.47	112
FS-Reg.	29,456	42,376	3,677,138	33,981	1.44	125
FS-Cont.	66	73	4,400		1.11	67
FS-Emergency	31,172	30,968	6,990,634	21,638	.99	224
CCC	3,138	5,498	516,479	6,325	1.75	165
Total	100,155	98,503	15,791,000	98,069	•98	158

TABLE 6

OWNERSHIP OF LAND COVERED ON RIBES ERADICATION, 1928-1949 CABINET OPERATION

		Net A	cres i	.Contro	ol Area	
		Acres 1	Worked		Acres	Total
Ownership	First	Second	Third	Total	Unworked	Acres
National Forest	65,017	9,766	3,569	78,352	9,009	74,026
Public Domain	40	3		43		40
Subtotal Federal	65,057	9,769	3,569	78,395	9,009	74,066
State	734	1		735		734
Private	15,838	2,052	2,014	19,904	4,007	19,845
Subtotal Other	16,572	2,053	2,014	20,639	4,007	20,579
Total	81,629	11,822	5,583	99,034	13,016	94,645



BLISTER RUST CONTROL, KOOTENAI OPERATION, 1949

By

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INTRODUCTION

Ribes eradication in the Kootenai National Forest was performed mainly in pole stands in the vicinity of Spar Lake. A total of 2,017 acres was worked which brings the net progress to 58,179 acres initially worked and 5,768 acres reworked. Approximately 55,000 acres remain to be initially worked and 11,500 acres are in need of rework. All scheduled work was completed by August 30. This was the first season since 1936 that fire had not interrupted or canceled portions of the program. All fires were providentially timed for week end action.

The men employed were of the highest quality and were selected from all parts of the country. After the tryout period, there was little labor turnover. Good camp facilities and management, intensive training, and selective recruitment were factors responsible for the successful season.

LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION OF AREAS

Two 45-man camps were established in the Spar Lake unit. The first camp was located on the shores of Spar Lake on June 1; the other erected on Farway Creek on June 13. This unit of 9,500 acres is composed of 3,400 acres of mature timber and 4,500 acres of 60-year-old white pine pole. The pole stands on the slopes of Hiatt Creek are well stocked and contain 50 percent white pine. The ribes population is light in the lower levels but extremely heavy in the higher levels and basins. Nine thousand acres have been initially worked and 500 acres of recent cutover need rehabilitating prior to any blister rust work. In the upper fork of Farway Creek, porcupines have caused appreciable damage in pole size timber.

At the end of the season, a few men covered in wide formation an area of 50 acres of pole in the upper end of Thicket Creek which was classified as being on post check, finding less than one ribes per acre. This area had been reworked in 1945 by Mexican and teen-age labor who removed 106 ribes per acre.

Only 12 man-days were required to respray the stream type in the south fork of Callahan Creek using 2,4,5-T solution. This area was sprayed in 1948 with Ammate. There was little bush kill although the live stem was temporarily killed. The treated area was also covered with seedlings. The time spent on respray was 16 percent of original requirements.

METHODS AND TRAINING

The one-man dragline method was used as standard procedure. In this system of ribes eradication, individual crewmen are assigned to lanes $2\frac{1}{2}$ chains wide, from 10 to 30 chains long, and marked off in 5-chain blocks. These lanes and blocks were laid out by men who had been trained in compass and pacing. All roads and

trails were traversed and 10-chain stations permanently established to facilitate laying out of areas and their future relocation.

Areas designated as low in ribes on basis of advance check were worked in a wide formation. Three men worked a $2\frac{1}{2}$ chain wide strip guiding on string lines, following one while laying the other. This procedure proved advisable as scattered ribes patches which did not show on check strips were located and removed. These patches were mapped as to location.

In the basins where the ribes were heavy, spraying with 2,4,5-T solutions was used as an auxiliary method to hand pulling of ribes. Whenever water was conveniently available, a knapsack unit was used to apply the spray; otherwise, the Hi-Fog guns were used. The 2,4,5-T concentrate was packed to the spraymen in 4-gallon cans mounted on pack boards. All the chemical work with 2,4,5-T appeared to be effective.

An area of 250 acres on Grizzly fork of Burnt Creek was laid out in four units for contracting. Invitations to bid were advertised in papers and post offices and presented to prospective bidders. Four individuals teamed together and submitted a joint bid of \$25 per acre for the entire area, but the bid was not accepted as it was estimated that the area could be worked by crews for \$17 per acre. This fall another prospective bidder examined the area and signified his intention of submitting a bid for less than \$17 per acre.

A training site was selected on Camp Creek outside of any control unit in order to obtain an area ideally suited to training needs. This area of cutover, pole, and stream types in close proximity contains patches of brush interspersed with Ribes lacustre and R. viscosissimum. Toward the end of the season, additional men were given training in compass and pacing to prepare them for various duties next season.

SAFETY

An intensive safety program employed throughout the season produced results. The only accident was an eye injury sustained by a foreman. This low frequency is commendable because of the rugged terrain in these particular control units. Regularly scheduled 10-minute weekly meetings supplemented intensive training given at the start of the season. The chairmanship of these meetings was delegated to the individual who in the previous week by vote of the entire camp was guilty of the most unsafe act in camp or field. This served to keep the subject of safety on everyone s mind at all times.

CHECKING AND SURVEYS

Four checkers completed a check on all one-man strips. In addition, they spent 10 days on advance survey work in Cherry Creek and 1 week on post check work in Burnt and Cyclone Creeks.

A crew of two men was trained to do stocking and disease survey. They were assisted by four others during the latter part of the season. Nearly all the

survey was confined to 45- to 60-year-old age class of pole, requiring much laborious climbing. Results are summarized in the following analysis.

Unit	Cl	ass	Number Chains	Total Stocking	Percent White Pine Stocking	Percent Damage
Spar Lake	1 8	& 2	466	Well	37	9
	3.	A	404 Medium		17	6
Red Top Cr.	1 8	& 2	240	Well	27	2
	3A 8	& 3B	1,017	Medium	7	1
Cyclone Cr.	1 8	£ 2	225	Well	48	0
	3A 8	& 3B	754	Well	7	1
Burnt Cr.	3.	В	447	Medium.	7	3

CONTROL STATUS

A total of 33,180 acres is now on maintenance, which represents 57 percent of the worked area. Better work was done by the crews this season than any since the war ended. Over 45 percent of 919 acres were placed on maintenance as a result of this season's work. Eight hundred and thirty-five acres reverted to unworked classification due to logging operations in several of the units.

It is recommended that no blister rust work be performed in the Howard Lake Unit. The stands in this unit are well stocked, but contain only 7 to 20 percent white pine. Five percent of the white pine has been damaged by the rust which has been present since 1941. While the work in the white pine areas would not be very great, the work in the protection zones would be excessive. These areas are precipitous, subject to frequent snow slides, and covered with brush and ribes. Blister rust control would be very costly and difficult due to the combination of long, narrow, and high canyon-like walls surrounding the area.

As shown by an advance survey, ribes eradication in Cherry Creek will involve mainly stream type and stream zones. The better stands of white pine are surrounded by a considerable ribes-free area. As infection is light and confined to streams, it is unlikely that there will be any serious threat from the canyons on the west.

No new areas of pole blight were found in an extensive survey of white pine pole stands. The pole blight was found in Ross Creek and Bull Lake in 1945 and in main Keeler Creek in 1947. The research staff of the University of Idaho has established several plets in the vicinity of Bull Lake to study the disease.

STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES AND COSTS

The statement of expenditures is shown in the following table.

TABLE 1

CLASSIFIED EXPENDITURES, CALENDAR YEAR 1949 KOOTENAI OPERATION

Item	Bureau of Entomology and Plant Quarantine BLR-1-4		Total
Salary perm. men	\$2,369	\$8,368	\$10,737
Salary temp. men		8,206	8,206
Wages temp. labs.	30	42,860	42,890
Subs. supplies		8,786	8,786
Equipment	46	6,128	6,174
Travel and transp.	283	3,058	3,341
Other expenses	225	7,294	7,519
Total	\$2,953	\$84,700	\$87,653

TABLE 2

SUMMARY OF RIBES ERADICATION, 1949 KOOTENAL OPERATION

	Eradication	Year of		1000	300	Per A	cre
Working	Туре	Origin	Acres	Man-Days	Ribes	Man-Days	Ribes
	Pole		913	1,507	159,520	1.65	175
First	Mature (2)		119	400	68,790	3.36	578
11150	Stream		3	5	360	1.67	120
	Total		1,035	1,912	228,670	1.85	221
	Reproduction	1910-39	4	3	30	.75	8
	Pole		557	388	18,180	•70	33
Second	Mature		211	189	13,440	.90	64
	Stream		186	215	5,400	1.16	29
	Total		958	795	37,050	.83	39
Third	Stream (1)		24	24	4,790	1.00	200
	GRAND TOTAL		2,017	2,731	270,510	1.35	134

Chemical work included above:

	Stream					Upland	
	Acres	Man-Days	Gallons Spray		Acres	Man-Days	Gallons Spray
(1)	4	12	272	(2)	12	52	206

TABLE 3

RIBES SPECIES ERADICATED, 1949

KOOTENAI OPERATION

	Close Justin			Ribes Species	8	
Working	Eradication Type	Acres	Ribes lacustre	Ribes viscosissimum	Ribes coloradense	Total Ribes
	Pole	913	155,310	2,930	1,280	159,520
First	Mature	119	66,910	750	1,130	68,790
FILEC	Stream	3	360			360
	Total	1,035	222,580	3,680	2,410	228,670
	Reproduction (1910-39)	4	30			30
	Pole	557	15,630	1,770	780	18,180
Second	Mature	211	13,080	320	40	13,440
	Stream	186	4,570	750	80	5,400
	Total	958	33,310	2,840	900	37,050
Third	Stream	24	3,790		1,000	4,790
	Reproduction (1910-39)	4	30			30
47.7	Pole	1,470	170,940	4,700	2,060	177,700
ALL	Mature	330	79,990	1,070	1,170	82,230
Workings	Stream	213	8,720	750	1,080	10,550
	Total	2,017	259,680	6,520	4,310	270,510

SUMMARY OF RIBES ERADICATION, 1935-1949
KOOTENAI OPERATION

	Eradication	Year of	Gross Acres	THE STATE		Per Ac	re		creage ining
Working	Туре	Origin	Worked	Man-Days	Ribes	Man-Days	Ribes	Worked	Unworked
	Plantation	1945-1949	244	125	5,462	.51	22	244	
	Cutover	1945-1949							835
	Cutover	1940-1944							5,730
	Cutover	1920-1939	1,274	767	55,365	.60	43	1,274	3,651
First	Reproduction (4)	1910-1939	13,833	9,658	1,135,896	.70	82	13,074	9,682
	Pole		24,839	12,228	1,190,840	.49	48	23,787	18,953
	Mature (5)		17,323	4,847	678,302	.28	39	15,895	16,378
	Miscellaneous		346	95	7,956	.27	23	346	
	Stream (1)		3,954	12,472	1,681,453	3.15	425	3,559	
	Total		61,813	40,192	4,755,274	.65	77	58,179	55,229
	Plantation	1945-1949	236	184	2,742	.78	12	236	
	Cutover	1920-1939	322	262	9,803	.81	30	322	
	Reproduction	1910-1939	1,441	1,306	93,562	.91	65	1,441	
Second	Pole		2,026	1,676	77,440	.83	38	2,026	
	Mature (6)		228	204	21,030	.89	92	228	
	Stream (2)		1,564	2,938	154,975	1.88	99	1,336	
	Total		5,817	6,570	359,552	1.13	62	5,589	
Third	Pole		133	276	10,360	2.08	78	133	
and	Stream (3)		46	38	5,528	.83	120	46	
Other	Total		179	314	15,888	1.75	89	179	
	GRAND TOTAL		67,809	47,076	5,130,714	.69	76	63,947	

Chemical work included above:

		Stream				Upland	
	Acres	Man-Days	Gallons Spray		Acres	Man-Days	Gallons Spray
(1)	149	297	16,563	(4)	10	50	620
(2)	15	16	1,950	(5)	12	52	206
(3)	4	12	272	(6)	5	5	750

TABLE 5
SUMMARY OF RIBES ERADICATION BY CLASSES OF CAMPS, 1935-1949
KOOTENAI OPERATION

	Gross	- Dunning	Total	Gallons	Per A	cre
Class	Acres	Man-Days	Ribes	Spray	Man-Days	Ribes
EQ-Emergency	31,755	14,494	1,934,776		.46	61
FS-Reg.	20,177	20,988	1,863,319	20,361	1.04	92
FS-Emergency	4,540	4,652	377,089		1.02	83
CCC	11,337	6,942	955,530		.61	84
Total	67,809	47,076	5,130,714	20,361	.69	76

TABLE 6

OWNERSHIP OF LAND COVERED ON RIBES ERADICATION, 1935-1949

KOOTENAI OPERATION

		Acres	Acres	Total		
Ownership	First	Second	Third	Total	Unworked	Acres
National Forest	55,007	5,038	179	60,224	44,223	99,230
State					173	173
Private	3,172	551		3,723	10,833	14,005
Subtotal Other	3,172	551		3,723	11,006	14,178
Total	58,179	5,589	179	63,947	55,229	113,408

BLISTER RUST CONTROL, MOUNT RAINIER NATIONAL PARK, 1949

By

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The 1949 white pine blister rust control program at Mount Rainier National Park was confined to ribes eradication on cliffs, precipitous slopes, and stream type in the vicinity of the White River campground and adjacent to the Sunrise Park area. The crew consisted of eight men, a superintendent, and a checker. Work started June 13 and ended September 10.

Five hundred forty acres were worked at 1.06 man-days per acre with an average of 84 ribes per acre. Chemical ribes eradication methods were used on 180 acres of stream type and 60 acres of steep slope and cliffs. The hormone chemical 2,4,5-T mixed with emulsifiable oil and water was applied as an aerial spray by use of Hi-Fog guns and manually operated trombone pumps. Imulsifiable oil and water used in place of fuel oil as a carrying and spreading agent reduced chemical costs. Chemical methods have alleviated the broken crown problem and reduced heavy germination of ribes seeds which normally follow soil disturbances resulting from hand grubbing. These two factors will reduce the amount of rework. Inspection of heavy ribes concentrations treated with 2,4,5-T in 1948 showed nearly 100 percent of the ribes dead in 1949. The only bushes surviving were four old large crown multistemmed Ribes watsonianum. These bushes apparently received insufficient chemical as all other Ro watsonianum were deado Other species encountered, including R. laxiflorum, R. acerifolium, R. bracteosum, R. lacustre, and R. viscosissiumum, appear highly susceptible to the chemical 2,4,5-T.

Checking and control status. A 4 percent check was made of the entire White River control unit. During the process of checking, a new map was compiled. Using hand compass and pacing methods, all roads and control boundaries were traversed from established control lines and mapped as accurately as possible with other topographical features. Old maps sketched from early small—scale contour maps were not accurate enough for plotting missed ribes or delimiting small maintenance areas from those needing rework. The new survey showed the original area to be 510 acres larger than previously reported. Adjustments are made in the 1949 annual report accumulative tables. The 1949 check on 3,200 acres comprising the White River control unit showed 2,130 acres on maintenance, 100 acres on post check, and 970 acres on rework, Only 410 acres classified as rework are in difficult cliff and precipitous upland bordering Sunrise Park.

Rework areas in the White River unit can be handled best with a small maintenance crew using chemical methods on most of the area.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Longmire-Silver Forest. No ribes eradication or checking work was performed on Longmire-Silver Forest area in 1949. The following program on this unit is recommended for 1950: A complete 3-month period starting about June 12; a crew of eight men, one checker (SP-6), and one superintendent (SP-7). No additional spraying equipment will be needed. Check the entire area except that portion

not worked in 1948. Using the one-man dragline method, complete the area unfinished in 1948. Using 2,4,5-T, spray seedlings in the area known as "Hell's Half Acre" and in stream type. After completing this work, perform the maintenance work as shown by the 1950 check.

White River. No further ribes eradication work until the Longmire-Silver Forest area has been maintained. and of investing him bigroupping saving action and in which is an an

RESULTS

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CLASSIFIED EXPENDITURES, CALENDAR YEAR 1949 MOUNT RAINIER NATIONAL PARK

	Item	National Park Service	
	Personal Services	\$ 9,599.47	an egrad his men
	Communication Service	5,52	
M -N. SHILLOY	Contractual Services	648.72	
	Supplies & Materials	309.90	IX of the contract
	Equipment	246.90	
	Checker s Salary	1,090.44	
	Total	\$11,900. 9 5	a larger has but

TABLE 2 SUMMARY OF RIBES ERADICATION, 1949 MOUNT RAINIER NATIONAL PARK

						Ribes	Species				Gallons	Per	Acre
Area	Working	Acres	Man- Days	Ribes lacustre	Ribes Viscosissimum	Ribes bracteosum	Ribes watsonianum	Ribes laxiflorum	Ribes acerifolium		Spray 2,4,5-T	Man- Days	
Wh 4 + a	Second	360	328	14,031	6,217		23	10	10	20,291	175	.91	56
White		180	244	8,791	1,508	71	116	13,248	1,175	24,909	499	1.36	138
KI A OL	Total	540	572	22,822	7,725	71	139	13,258	1,185	45,200	674	1.06	84

SUMMARY OF RIBES ERADICATION BY CLASSES OF CAMPS, 1930-1949
MOUNT RAINIER NATIONAL PARK

	Gross	Net		Total	Gallons	Per Acre		
Class	Acres	Acres	Man-Days	Ribes	Spray	Man-Days	Ribes	
NP-Reg.	12,090	11,281	11,916	1,131,388	3,374	.99	94	
NP-CCC	10,960	6,599	12,692	1,293,167		1.16	118	
Total	23,050	17,880	24,608	2,424,555	3,374	1.07	105	

SUMMARY OF RIBES ERADICATION, 1930-1949
MOUNT RAINIER NATIONAL PARK
(NET CONTROL AREA)

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						Ribes	Species			15.00		Per	Acre
Area	Working	Acres	Man- Days	Ribes lacustre	Ribes viscosissimum	Ribes bracteosum	Ribes watsonianum	Ribes laxiflorum	Ribes acerifolium	Total Ribes	Gallons Spray		Ribes
	First	900	1,599	225,968		98,875		59,308	8,658	392,809		1.78	436
	Second	888	797	30,938		24,332		2,394	2,938	60,602		.90	68
Longmire	Other	3,072	4,490	89,581		19,959		4,051	42,637	156,228	100	1.46	51
	Total	4,860	6,886	346,487		143,166		65,753	54,233	609,639	100	1.42	125
	First	3,200	3,163	378,460	84,847	5,429	140,613	10,564	12,289	632,202		.99	198
White	Second	3,012	2,812	84,562	22,532	2,330	6,964	16,239	4,547	137,174		.93	46
River	Other	6,808	3,338	96,843	19,601	10,715	14,008	28,320	6,934	176,421	3,274	.49	26
	Total	13,020	9,313	559,865	126,980	18,474	161,585	55,123	23,770	945,797	3,274	.72	73
	First	4,100	4,762	604,428	84,847	104,304	140,613	-69,872	20,947	1,025,011		1.16	250
All	Second	3,900	3,609	115,500	22,532	26,662	6,964	18,633	7,485	197,776		.93	51
Areas	Other	9,880	7,828	186,424	19,601	30,674	14,008	32,371	49,571	332,649	3,374	.79	34
	Total	17,880	16,199	906,352	126,980	161,640	161,585	120,876	78,003	1,555,436	3,374	.91	87

BLISTER RUST CONTROL, GLACIER NATIONAL PARK, 1949

By

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Ribes eradication work for the control of white pine blister rust in Glacier National Park during 1949 was carried on in both the East Glacier and Oldman Lake control units as recommended in the 1948 annual report.

Chemical methods were used for the first time in this park to considerable advantage. Savings were made to the extent that 150 acres in the Oldman Lake area, not included in the estimates for 1949, were worked without additional personnel. The hormone chemical 2,4,5-T mixed with emulsifiable oil and water was applied to the ribes selectively, using Hi-Fog guns developing 1,000 pounds pressure and manually operated trombone pumps. The one-man dragline method was used wherever possible when chemical methods were not applicable.

East Glacier. Acres worked, 200; man-days per acre, 1.02. Work started June 13. A superintendent, a checker, and 25 laborers were employed. Intensive training in the use of chemical and one-man dragline methods was carried on while working this area. After checking the 1949 work, it was classified for control status as follows: 113 acres on maintenance and 87 acres on rework. The area classified as rework represents Roes Creek stream type and unstable slopes producing ribes seedlings annually. It is believed the little soil disturbance by the chemical method will help to reduce troublesome ribes seed germination in this control unit. The infection survey conducted in 1948 showed the heaviest pine infection in the northwest part of the protection zone above cliffs bordering the campground. The 1949 working included this entire portion, eliminating possible sporidial showers onto the white pine in the campground area below. The crew was moved to Oldman Lake July 5 as previously planned.

Oldman Lake. Work started July 6 continuing until September 9. Acres worked, 520; man-days per acre, 2.06; ribes removed per acre, 310. The chemical method, with trombone pumps applying low chemical concentrates, was used on all heavy ribes areas where water was readily available. On the inaccessible steep slide and cliff areas, Hi-Fog guns were used for spraying a concentrated solution on ribes intermingled with the prostrate pine and fir. All initial ribes eradication in the unit was completed except for 5 acres on a precipitous slide near the south boundary. Ribes on this spot must be eradicated by chemicals in early summer when water is available near the site from melting snow. Back-packing water from below proved too hazardous. A complete systematic check and control status classification was made for the first time. Definite control boundaries were established and the total acreage computed. A check on the total 1,520 acres in the unit showed 480 acres on maintenance and 1,040 acres on rework. Rework includes a large amount so classified because of heavy original ribes population. It also includes all 1949 chemical work as ribes survival cannot be definitely determined until the year following treatment. The 480 acres on maintenance represent the best white pine stand in the control unit.

Conclusion. Glacier National Park white pine blister rust control program is on schedule as outlined in the 1948 annual report. Destroying ribes with 2,4,5-T has proven successful at substantially reduced costs. A saving of 8 man-days per acre resulted from using the chemical on 46 acres of heavy ribes concentrations in the Oldman Lake area. Savings to a lesser degree were also evident in all other chemically treated areas. Where hand eradication methods are applicable, the one-man dragline system has proven most efficient.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Two Medicine. This is the only area scheduled for ribes eradication in 1950. A small maintenance crew will be needed for a complete 3-month period beginning about June 12, composed of six experienced men and one experienced superintendent (SP-7). The camp superintendent will perform all checking work necessary. Using chemical and one-man dragline methods, necessary rework is to be performed as shown by the 1947 check and control status data.

RESULTS

The following tables show statements of expenditures, results of the 1949 field work and accumulative results of all work performed to date:

CLASSIFIED EXPENDITURES, CALENDAR YEAR 1949
GLACIER NATIONAL PARK

TABLE 1

Item	National Park Service
Personal Services	\$21,699.95
Travel & Transportation	78.08
Communication Service	7.30
Other Structural Services	5,808.21
Supplies & Materials	453.05
Equipment	1,595.70
Checker's Salary	863,77
Total	\$30,506.06

TABLE 2

SUMMARY OF RIBES ERADICATION, 1949 GLACIER NATIONAL PARK

				Ribes Species				4.74%	Per Acre	
Area	Working	Acres	Man- Days		Ribes viscosissimum	Ribes setosum	Total Ribes	Gallons Spray		Ribes
East Glacier	Other	200	272	14,364	913	5,053	20,330	25	1.36	102
	First	370	845	134,521	204	2,175	136,900	3,297	2.28	370
Oldman Lake	Second	150	224	24,370			24,370	152	1.49	162
	Total	520	1,069	158,891	204	2,175	161,270	3,449	2.06	310
	First	370	845	134,521	204	2,175	136,900	3,297	2.28	370
All	Second	150	224	24,370			24,370	152	1.49	162
Areas	Other	200	272	14,364	913	5,053	20,330	25	1.36	102
	Total	720	1,341	173,255	1,117	7,228	181,600	3,474	1.86	252

TABLE 3
SUMMARY OF RIBES ERADICATION BY CLASSES OF CAMPS, 1939-1949
GLACIER NATIONAL PARK

Class	Acres	Man-Days	Total Ribes	Gallons Spray	Per Ad Man-Days	
NP-Reg.	5,919	7,298	721,342	3,474	1.23	122
NP-CCC	2,633	2,833	323,841		1.08	123
NP-CPS	2,776	2,285	214,156		.82	77
Total	11,328	12,416	1,259,339	3,474	1.10	111

TABLE 4
SUMMARY OF RIBES ERADICATION, 1939-1949
GLACIER NATIONAL PARK

		- 1			Ribes Spec	ies				Per	Acre
Area	Working	Acres	Man- Days	Ribes lacustre	Ribes viscosissimum	Ribes setosum	Ribes inerme	Total Ribes	Gallons Spray	A COLUMN TO THE REAL PROPERTY AND ADDRESS OF THE PARTY AND ADDRESS OF T	Ribes
	First	690	450	32,738	43,176	32,986		108,900		.65	158
Park	Second	619	201	3,277	2,518	1,195	2	6,992		.32	11
Headquarters	Other	701	379	6,660	5,064	3,284		15,008		.54	21
	Total	2,010	1,030	42,675	50,758	37,465	2	130,900		.51	65
	First	707	1,243	74,509	4,193	6,388	23,072	108,162		1.76	153
Two	Second	685	739	84,693	2,498	4,631	33,679	125,501		1.08	183
Medicine	Other	366	340	52,188	1,501		12,596	66,285		.93	181
	Total	1,758	2,322	211,390	8,192	11,019	69,347	299,948		1.32	171
	First	1,777	1,201	43,036	4,289	35,777		83,102		.68	47
Lake	Second	1,777	1,080	29,142	15,455	19,211		63,808		.61	36
McDonald	Other	1,216	849	13,121	1,126	1,843		16,090	-2-1	.70	13
	Total	4,770	3,130	85,299	20,870	56,831		163,000		.66	34
	First	446	1,289	46,129	15,236	11,712	111,862	184,939		2.89	415
East	Second	388	720	37,434	5,497	30,577	2,385	75,893		1.86	196
Glacier	Other	286	446	27,737	1,491	6,686	275	36,189	25	1.56	127
	Total	1,120	2,455	111,300	22,224	48,975	114,522	297,021	25	2.19	265
	First	1,520	3,255	341,175	306	2,619		344,100	3,297	2.14	226
Oldman Lake	Second	150	224	24,370				24,370	152	1.49	162
	Total	1,670	3,479	365,545	306	2,619		368,470	3,449	2.08	221
	First	5,140	7,438	537,587	67,200	89,482	134,934	829,203	3,297	1.45	161
All Areas	Second	3,619	2,964	178,916	25,968	55,614	36,066	296,564	152	.82	82
ALL ALGUS	Other	2,569	2,014	99,706	9,182	11,813	12,871	133,572	25	.78	52
	Total	11,328	12,416	816,209	102,350	156,909	183,871	1,259,339	3,474	1.10	111



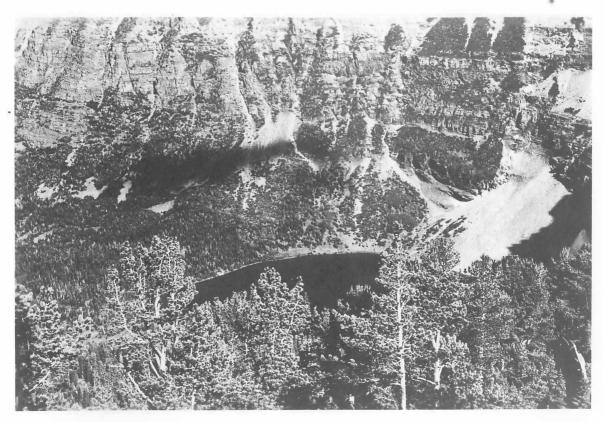
Oldman Lake unit: West end of white pine blister rust control area. Boundary on continental divide in background. Blister rust camp lower left portion of picture.



Oldman Lake unit: Mt. Morgan and Cut Bank Pass with cliff areas worked in 1948. The prostrate pine growths appearing on the cliff ledges contain heavy ribes concentrations.



Oldman Lake unit: Main portion of area showing excellent stand of <u>Pinus Albicaulis</u> (white bark pine). Outlet of Oldman Lake at right. Lower or Boy Lake just visible in center background.



Oldman Lake unit: Lower or Boy Lake with cliff and precipitous areas in background. Worked in 1949 using hand and chemical methods (Hi-Fog guns). Patches of prostrate growth of white bark pine contain heavy ribes concentrations. White bark pine tops in foreground.



W 608 Oldman Lake unit: Mature <u>Pinus</u> Albicaulis (white bark pine) representing the stand composition of main pine area shown in picture W 600.



 $$\mathbb{W}$$ 624 Hi-Fog Gun spraying: Used extensively on Oldman Lake unit to treat ribes on precipitous slopes and cliffs during 1949.

BLISTER RUST CONTROL, YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK, 1949

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The 1949 blister rust control program in Yellowstone National Park was confined to ribes eradication and checking in the Mount Washburn area. Nineteen hundred acres were worked with an average of 1.02 man-days per acre and 214 ribes per acre. Work started June 13 and continued until September 10. The crew averaged 35 men, 1 experienced superintendent, and 1 experienced checker.

Chemical methods of ribes eradication were used on all stream type and heavy ribes concentrations in the upland at a greatly reduced cost. The hormone chemical 2,4,5-T was in adequate supply for the 1949 program, and for the first time a practical chemical was available that would kill all species of ribes encountered in the park. Two means of applying chemical were employed. Stream type ribes were sprayed with a dilute solution of 2,4,5-T using knapsack units with manually-operated trombone pumps. The same chemical in a more concentrated solution was applied to upland Ribes montigenum clumps with Hi-Fog guns. By using Hi-Fog guns in combination with the one-man dragline method in the upland, production was increased 40 percent over previous years. This represents an average saving of six-tenths of a man-day for every acre worked in 1949. Effectiveness of the one-man dragline method in finding the ribes where they are more scattered made it possible to place a large part of the area worked in 1949 on maintenance. All 1949 objectives would have been accomplished except for time lost to fire suppression.

CHECKING AND CONTROL STATUS

After a complete systematic check, the 1949 work area was classified as follows: Maintenance, 735 acres; post check, 142 acres; rework, 1,023 acres. Rework includes all sprayed areas, as ribes survival cannot be determined until the year following treatment.

A post check on 218 acres worked in 1947 showed 188 acres to be on maintenance and 130 acres in the rework category.

The 4,700 acres comprising the Mount Washburn unit are now classified for control status as follows: Maintenance, 1,190 acres; post check, 1,311 acres; rework, 1,799 acres; unworked, 400 acres. Much of the area classified for rework and post check can be brought to maintenance standards at a minimum cost.

BLISTER RUST INFECTION

Blister rust infection was found on white pine in the Sunlight Creek drainage just 2 miles north of the Yellowstone National Park boundary in 1949. This is approximately 200 miles nearer the park than any previously known pine infection center. The disease was not found on white pine in the park. Blister rust infection on ribes was found for the first time on Stevens Creek near Park Headquarters and on Elk Creek near Tower Falls ranger station. Ribes and white pine were examined for the rust in 22 other park drainages with negative results.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The 1949 ribes eradication program was interrupted at its peak of production. Controlling many fires occurring in the park required the assistance of all blister rust workers. Approximately 500 man-days were lost by the blister rust project during this period. For this reason, the rework and 400 acres of initial work planned for 1949 were not completed. The following 1950 estimate is made accordingly to complete initial and necessary rework as scheduled in 1948:

For a complete 3-month period starting approximately June 12, a crew of 25 men, 1 superintendent (SP-7) and 1 checker (SP-6). Work plan: (1) Using chemical and dragline methods, complete the 400 acres of initial work remaining; check 1949 chemical work; (2) check all areas classified prior to 1949 as on post check; (3) perform all rework as indicated by the latest checking and control status data.

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The following tables show statements of expenditures, results of the 1949 field work and accumulative results of all work performed to date:

TABLE 1

CLASSIFIED EXPENDITURES, CALENDAR YEAR 1949
YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK

	Item	National Park Service	
	Personal Services	\$28,325.94	
	Travel & Transportation	5.80	
	Communication Service	8.16	
1974	Contractual Services	1,288.59	
	Supplies & Materials	2,217.87	
	Equipment	986.30	
	Checker's Salary	995.34	
	Total	\$33,828.00	atmose acros compraints

SUMMARY OF RIBES ERADICATION, 1949 YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK

					Ribe	s Species					Per	Acre
Area	Working	Acres	Man- Days		Ribes viscosissimum	Ribes petiolare	Ribes inerme		Total Ribes	Gallons Spray		Ribes
Maund	First	1,820	1,900	242,502	17,117	1,411	32,306	111,664	405,000	6,313	1.04	223
Mount	Second	80	39	913	17			70	1,000		.49	13
Washburn	Total	1,900	1,939	243,415	17,134	1,411	32,306	111,734	406,000	6,313	1.02	214

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SUMMARY OF RIBES ERADICATION BY CLASSES OF CAMPS, 1945-1949
YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK

MO are partitioned y	Class	Acres	Man-Days		Gallons Spray	Per Ac Man-Days	
	NP-Reg.	9,343	7,374	1,055,817	11,140	.79	113
	NP-CPS	1,567	992	95,769	765	.63	61
	Total	10,910	8,366	1,151,586	11,905	.77	106

TABLE 4
SUMMARY OF RIBES ERADICATION, 1945-1949
YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK

						Ribes	Species			Name of Street	ather		Per	Acre
Area	Working	Acres	Man- Days	Ribes lacustre	Ribes viscosissimum	Ribes petiolare	Ribes		Ribes cereum	Ribes montigenum	Total Ribes	Gallons Spray		Ribes
	First	1,580	1,040	8,322	2,331	19,190		63,001	12,215		105,059	1,646	.66	66
Mammoth	Second	1,478	563	6,286	1,727	8,002		55,042	4,083		75,140	736	.38	51
Мяшшост	Other	152	204		417	4,090		12,880	1,567		18,954	409	1.34	125
the last	Total	3,210	1,807	14,608	4,475	31,282		130,923	17,865		199,153	2,791	.56	62
Manua	First	4,300	6,128	371,494	20,998	21,337	32,687			482,434	928,950	9,114	1.43	216
Mount	Second	80	39	913	17	-				70	1,000		.49	13
Washburn	Total	4,380	6,167	372,407	21,015	21,337	32,687			482,504	929,950	9,114	1.41	212
Craig Pass	First	3,320	392	7,599	2,962		2,340			9,582	22,483		.12	7
	First	9,200	7,560	387,415	26,291	40,527	35,027	63,001	12,215	492,016	1,056,492	10,760	.82	115
All	Second	1,558	602	7,199	1,744	8,002		55,042	4,083	70	76,140	736	.39	49
Areas	Other	152	204		417	4,090		12,880	1,567		18,954	409	1.34	125
	Total	10,910	8,366	394,614	28,452	52,619	35,027	130,923	17,865	492,086	1,151,586	11,905	.77	106

BLISTER RUST CONTROL, ROCKY MOUNTAIN NATIONAL PARK, 1949

By

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The 16 chemical ribes eradication plots established in Rocky Mountain National Park during 1948 were inspected in June and July 1949 with the following results: The species Ribes montigenum, R. coloradense, R. lacustre, and R. setosum proved highly susceptible to the hormone chemical 2,4,5-T. Resprouting from the crown was occurring on approximately one-half of the large multistemmed R. cereum. All other ribes appeared dead at time of inspection. It is believed insufficient chemical was applied to the crown area of the surviving ribes.

Since making the tests, recent improvements in spraying equipment and application techniques insure an adequate application of chemical to the ribes crowns. This will alleviate the obstacle encountered on the large crowned bushes.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The chemical and one-man dragline methods first used in this region in 1948 and 1949 are particularly well suited for ribes eradication work on nearly all of the Longs Peak-Estes Cone control unit. These methods should be employed to obtain the protection desired for the lowest possible cost.

Work should be started at the south boundary of the control unit in the vicinity of Longs Peak campground progressing north in a contiguous block.

The following estimate is made for 1950 for the proposed Rocky Mountain National Park blister rust control program: For a complete 3-month period on a 6-day week basis beginning approximately June 12, a crew of 35 men, 1 foreman (SP-6), 1 checker (SP-6), and 1 superintendent (SP-7).

To assure obtaining the total estimated effective man-days possible during the working period, it is recommended five additional laborers be hired at the start to take care of time lost from rain, fire, crew reductions, and other unforeseen circumstances.

If the above program is carried out, initial ribes eradication should be completed on the 2,700 acres comprising the south half of the control unit in 1950. This is the highly used area south of the Estes Cone-Battle Mountain ridge.

SPREAD OF WHITE PINE BLISTER RUST

Scouting in Montana, Wyoming, and Idaho, 1949 By J. C. Gynn and C. M. Chapman

Extensive scouting for white pine blister rust was done in nine National Forests, two National Parks, and one Indian Reservation. Infected white pine were located for the first time in three Montana counties. The infection was in the juvenile and pycnial stages on small Pinus flexilis or P. albicaulis. Associated ribes that probably carried the rust to the pine are Ribes petiolare in Park and Madison Counties and R. viscosissimum in Lewis and Clark County. The locations are as follows:

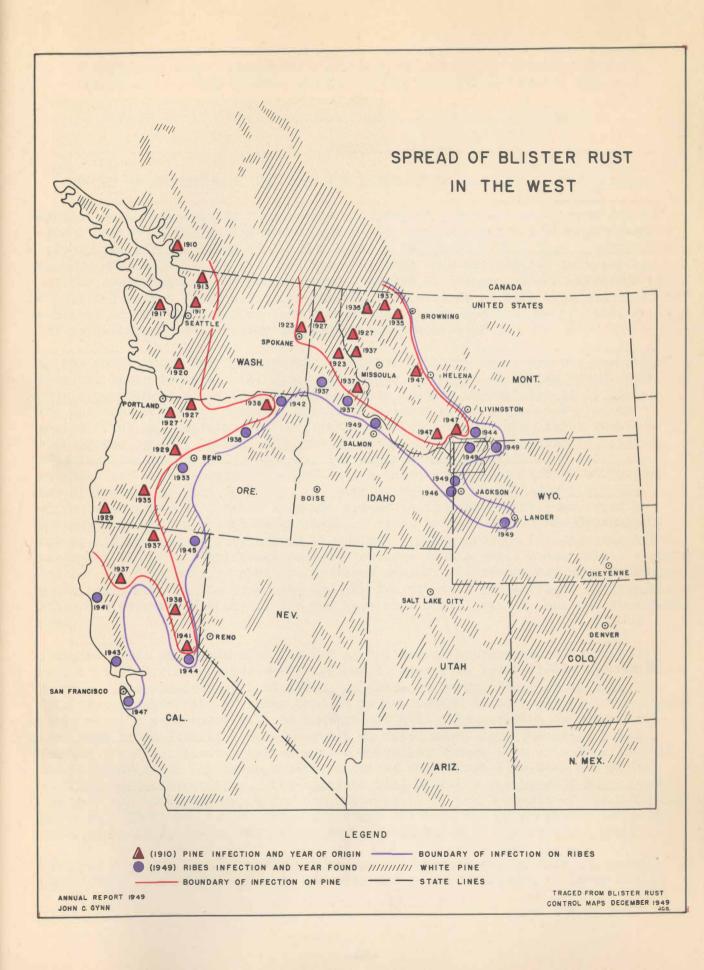
- 1. Park County, Sunlight Creek, Gallatin National Forest, Montana; 2 miles north of Yellowstone National Park.
- 2. Madison County, Trail Fork of Bear Creek, Gallatin National Forest, Montana; 19 miles northwest of Yellowstone National Park. Ribes infection was found in this drainage in 1937.
- 3. Lewis and Clark County, McDonald Pass on the Continental Divide, Helena National Forest, Montana; 17 miles west of Helena, Montana.

Infected R. petiolare were found for the first time in 10 additional drainages and in 3 additional counties, Lemhi County, Idaho, and Park County and Freemont County, Wyoming. The locations are as follows:

- 1. Lemhi County, Salmon River, Salmon National Forest, Idaho; between Salmon, Idaho, and Hamilton, Montana.
- 2. Park County, Muddy Creek, Shoshone National Forest, Wyoming; 12 miles east of Yellowstone National Park and 38 miles east of previously found infection inside the National Park boundary.
- 3. Freemont County, Popo Aggie River, Washakie National Forest, Wyoming; 12 miles west of Lander, Wyoming. This center is 50 miles south and 100 miles east of the nearest known infection which was found in 1946 near Jackson, Wyoming.
- 4. Teton County, Darby Creek, Targhee National Forest, Wyoming; 6 miles west of Grand Teton National Park. Infection in this county was first found in 1946.
- 5. The six additional drainages in which ribes infection was found for the first time are adjacent to previously reported blister rust infection in the Gallatin National Forest, Deerlodge National Forest, and Yellowstone National Park.

SCOUTING SUMMARY, 1949
MONTANA, WYOMING, IDAHO

Forest Unit	Drainages Sampled	Ribes Examined	Pine Exemined		New Pine Infection Centers
Yellowstone NP, Wyo.	24	1,332	12,885	2	y an and a second
Shoshone NF, Wyo.	1519151	236	1.35	on ylanob	l. Purk
Washakie NF, Wyo.	3	310	125	rambo mo	g, watte
Wind River IR, Wyo.	1	81	17	emil ben	infoc
Teton NF ₂ Wyo.	4	507	123	Chiolifeid a	miell es .A Less
Grand Teton NP, Wyo.	4	490	330	of high vi	in a modifi ty, Wyomin
Targhee NF, Wyo. & Idaho	2 2	775	52	odli in	i Ledino
Salmon NF, Idaho	on 31 bas casbared a	20	15	County, My	2, Park dast infoc
Gallatin NF, Mont.	10	357	1,288	2	2
Bitterroot NF, Mont.	lebujar m	30	10	pas veil	zne A
Deerlodge NF, Mont.	2	40	nero yazan Man Hata 1946	2	Jose Joseph
Helena NF, Mont.	uodil data	36	niorb 4	ordinho xi	n ed1 ,6
Total	62	4,214	14, 984	10	3



DEVELOPMENTAL WORK IN METHODS OF RIBES ERADICATION, AND PROGRESS OF RIBES ECOLOGY AND DISEASE CONTROL STUDIES IN THE NORTHWESTERN REGION FOR 1949

By

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SECTION 1

SUMMARY OF PROJECT WORK FOR 1949 AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR USE OF CHEMICALS

Project work included (1) first tests in spraying ribes and brush with 2,4,5-T by helicopter in the Northwestern Region, (2) establishing a series of tests to compare the effectiveness of 2,4,5-T spray with "Brush Killer 32," a commercial mixture of 2,4,5-T and 2,4-D, (3) investigating some antibiotics in treating blister rust cankers, (4) establishing a series of dosage and concentration tests of 2,4,5-T with a Buffalo turbine blower, (5) devoting as much time and study as possible in assisting the control operations with chemical spray methods, and (6) maintaining ribes ecology and timber management studies.

In the development and improvement of control methods, these are the results of chemical tests in 1948: (1) Ribes laxiflorum, acerifolium, watsonianum, and bracteosum can be added to the list of ribes species susceptible to 2,4,5-T; (2) the most effective chemical formulation is an ester of 2,4,5-T plus an agricultural oil emulsion; (3) effective results from spraying still require that crowns, stems, leaves, and growing stem tips of mature bushes be treated; seedlings can be sprayed broadcast; (4) minimum concentration of 2,4,5-T for knapsack and power spraying is 2,000 p.p.m. acid equivalent, and 20,000 p.p.m. for Hi-Fog gun or mist spraying; (5) with dosages recommended for field use, ultimate toxicity of 2,4,5-T does not appear to be significantly modified by seasonal changes in growth development of ribes between May 15 and September 1, nor by differences in site during the normal growing season; (6) the year after treatment ribes in significant numbers continue to die until about July 1 regardless of the date when sprayed the previous season; (7) respraying should not commence until July at the earliest; and (8) for treating cut surfaces of decapitated ribes a 5 percent solution of 2,4,5-T in either Diesel oil or fuel oil should be used.

Spraying ribes and brush with 2,4,5-T by helicopter appears to be a feasible method of eradicating ribes seedlings and in preparing brush fields for broadcast burning. The apparent kill of ribes and brush is correlated closely with the density and uniformity of spray deposit as determined by test plates. Two treatments about a year apart will be required to kill ribes originally under more than 4/10 brush density. Spray deposit on ribes under less than 4/10 brush density was significantly better with a 10-gallon dosage than with 5 gallons of solution per acre. In dense growth, about as much brush live stem was killed with one dosage as another. The apparent kill of ribes and brush 3 months after spraying appeared comparable for the rates of 1, 2, and 3 pounds of 2,4,5-T acid per acre. There was no advantage of Diesel oil over the water-emulsifiable oil formulation of 2,4,5-T. The latter was less damaging to conifers.

The need for some type of power rig to spray broadcast at low cost the heavy populations of ribes along roads and skid trails comes closest to being filled

by the turbine blower. A series of dosage and concentration tests of 2,4,5-T applied by blower were made in the Clearwater and St. Joe forests. Project work with the turbine blower was in cooperation with the control operations. Single run spray applications were compared with double runs from opposite directions. The results this fall indicated that ribes could be satisfactorily killed along roads for a distance close to 1 chain in width. Where brush growth is dense, it will probably require two or more applications about a year apart to kill ribes.

Two chemicals were tested as possible antibiotics for killing or retarding white pine blister rust cankers. One is known as "actidione," and the other, the zinc salt of 2,4,5-trichlorophenol. These were applied in low concentrations of aqueous spray. These fungicides were combined with various penetrants and spreaders. An inspection in October showed a heavy casting of neeldes 2 years and older, and in some instances, the retardation of pycniaspore production.

Project work in ribes ecology and western white pine management was about the same as in 1948. This included the maintenance of field plots and cooperating with Federal, State, and private forest interest in the study of slash disposal measures and cutting practices. More data were accumulated to show the extent and rapidity with which ribes seeds are devitalized after logging and fire have altered the storage environment of the forest floor. A preliminary survey was made of the Bear Paw timber sale area preparatory to establishing a series of ribes regeneration studies in 1950. This will afford an opportunity to study ribes regeneration after both a first and second cutting in an immature stand of timber.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE USE OF CHEMICALS IN RIBES ERADICATION

These instructions are based on data available through the 1949 field season. They supplement and in a few instances modify slightly the previous recommendations on the use of chemicals given in annual reports and in memoranda on eradication methods. Further instructions may be given early in June of 1950 after examining the 1949 tests if anything of importance develops. Details in the use of the turbine blower for spraying along roadways and skid trails will be written up after checking the results of tests in 1949.

I. Chemical

For all ribes species, use the isopropyl ester of 2,4,5-T (40 percent or more, water and oil miscible solution). Other 2,4,5-T esters or mixtures of 2,4,5-T esters can be used with equal effectiveness on ribes when fluid ounces of stock proprietary material are adjusted for the amount of acid equivalent of 2,4,5-T.

Volume of stock proprietary material needed, based on 3-1/3 lbs. of acid per gallon of the isopropyl ester of 2,4,5-T, to mix 10 gallons of spray solution at recommended strengths is as follows:

	Fluid Ounces of Stock
P.P.M.	2,4,5-T for 10 gal. of Spray
2,000	7.6
2,500	9.5
3,000	11.4

II. Types of Treatments

1. Initial Spray

- a. Dilute aqueous spray of 2,4,5-T applied with conventional sprayers; use 2,000 p.p.m. acid equivalent for seedlings, and 2,500 p.p.m. acid equivalent for mature ribes to August 1; thereafter, raise concentration to 3,000 p.p.m. acid equivalent. Add 1 percent agricultural spray oil emulsion (flowable) to aqueous ester formulations.
 - b. Concentrates in water or oil applied with Hi-Fog gun or other low volume sprayers; use 5 percent by volume of the stock solution (about 20,000 p.p.m. acid equivalent) with water or oil (Diesel or fuel) as a diluent until August 15; thereafter, use 10 percent (about 40,000 p.p.m. acid equivalent) 2,4,5-T in oil. Add 5 percent oil emulsion to the water formulations.

2. Respray

- a. Dilute aqueous spray applied with conventional sprayers. During entire season use 3,000 p.p.m. adding 1 percent agricultural spray oil emulsion.
 - b. Concentrates in water or oil applied with Hi-Fog gun or other low volume sprayers; same as for initial spraying.

3. Decapitation

Use a 5 percent solution of the ester in Diesel or fuel oil. Carry the concentrate in a small oil can or similar dispenser of metal. Don't allow the use of glass containers because, if accidentally broken, a serious injury might result.

III. How to Treat

l. Spraying

Wet ground about root centers with dilute aqueous spray to insure coverage of all adventitious buds and crown tissue, especially on large old bushes. A concentrate should be directly applied on root center. Kick away debris and scarify cambium tissue of large crown centers before applying spray. Where a mantle of organic material covers roots of layering ribes, lift mat of stems and shake free of debris before spraying. Cover thoroughly all stems, leaves, and growing stem tips with chemical solution.

In broadcast spraying, direct streamat an angle of less than 45° from ground surface toward ribes site or ribes clump so solution will reach stems and root crowns. Finish by applying spray downward over top of ribes clump or site.

2. Decapitation

Always cut through crown, or cut all canes as close to it as possible. Apply enough liquid concentrate to wet all cut surface of crown or canes, using enough solution to give a generous run-off onto crown where it is necessary to treat short stubs of canes. Wet all adventitious buds and exposed crown tissue.

IV. When to Treat

1. Initial Spray

Wait until more than three-fourths of flowers on racemes are in bloom, leaves on l-year-old wood or older mostly expanded, and current stem growth more than half extended regardless of age class or size of bushes. Start spraying where growth is most advanced due to warm site or low elevation. Continue to spray until September 1, but get most of the work done in June and July while ribes are actively growing.

2. Respray

Wait until after July 1 for spraying the year following initial treatment, and preferably until an inspection shows all sprouts have appeared and are large enough to be easily found. If reworking the area is not too pressing a problem, defer respraying until the second season, then follow the spray schedule given for initial work.

3. Decapitation

Ribes may be treated by this method any time during the field season.

SECTION 2

IMPROVEMENT OF CHEMICAL METHODS FOR RIBES ERADICATION RESULTS OF NEW HERBICIDES TESTED IN 1948

Object of chemical tests in 1948 was to determine (1) whether the effectiveness of 2,4,5-T varied with seasonal changes in the growth development of ribes, (2) the comparative results in applying a 2,4,5-T concentrate in a low volume dosage as against a spray of low concentration applied in large volume, (3) whether any part of the required amount of 2,4,5-T could be replaced by the cheaper material 2,4-D in a combination spray, and (4) the most suitable type of diluent and spreader material for both high volume and low dosage spraying.

The results of applying aqueous solutions of 2,4,5T with various spreader materials by the knapsack sprayer are given in table 1. Treatments of R. lacustre and R. viscosissimum began in June and were replicated through the season until September. All plots were of the same size, 1 milacre or 1/1000 of an acre. The dosage rate was 1 gallon per milacre plot. Conclusions from these tests are (1) 2,000 p.p.m. of 2,4,5T is considered the minimum concentration for practical application, (2) an oil emulsion should be added as a spreader material to the aqueous solution of 2,4,5T, and (3) comparable results in applying 2,4,5T can be obtained throughout the growing season between the dates June 1 and September 1.

After August 1, the concentration of 2,4,5-T should be raised to 3,000 p.p.m. as a precautionary measure against undertreatment at the time bushes are beginning to prepare for winter dormancy. From June 1 to August 1, the concentration of 2,4,5-T can be lowered to 2,000 p.p.m. for seedlings and 2,500 p.p.m. for mature bushes of both ribes species.

TABLE 1

RESULTS OF 1948 CHEMICAL TESTS OF AQUEOUS 2,4,5-T SOLUTION APPLIED WITH THE KNAPSACK SPRAYER

	T					Part	s Per Mil	Lion		
Plot	Date			500	1,000	1,500	2,000	3,000	4,000	5,000
Nos.	Sprayed	Ribes Species	Spreader		(No. B	ushes)	- Percent	Bushes Ki	lled	
1-3	6/2	R. viscosissimum	Tergitol	(19) 79.0	(22)100		(21)100			
10-13	6/15		Tergitol	(42) 97.7	(21) 95.2 (15)100	(41)100			-
36-39	6/29		Tergitol	(37)100	(42)100 (45)100	(83)100			
57-60	7/21		none		(12)100		(19)100	(16)100	(5)100	
61 ⇒64	7/21		oil emulsion		(9)100		(14)100	(5)100	(22)100	
74-77	7/22		none		(21)100		(29)100	(14)100	(13)100	
97-100	7/31	2.55555	none		(26) 77.0		(28)100	(19)100	(21)100	
101-104	7/31		oil emulsion		(47)100		(61)100	(54)100	(44)100	
119-122	8/16		Tergitol		(18) 88.9		(17)100	(15)100	(23)100	
123-126	8/16		oil emulsion		(17)100		(15)100	(9)100	(11)100	
127-130	8/16		Tergitol		(9) 77.8		(23)100	(19)100	(20)100	
160-163	9/1		Tergitol		(19) 57.9		(31) 83.8	(21)100	(27)100	
164-167	9/1		oil emulsion		(52) 69.2		(25) 96.0	(34)100	(43) 97.7	
4-9	6/3	R. lacustre	Tergitol	(8) 87.5	(5)100		(4)100	(11)100	(5)100	(7)100
15-18	6/17		Tergitol	(4)100	(3)100 (4)100	(5)100			
32-35	6/28		Tergitol	(7) 85.7	(7)100 (6)100	(11)100			
57-60	7/21		none		(16) 56.3		(8)100	(6)100	(7)100	
61-64	7/21		oil emulsion		(13) 53.8		(10) 80.0	(4)100	(7)100	
74-77	7/22	Ti terril	none		(15) 66.7		(6)100	(11)100	(17)100	
78-81	7/30		none		(5)100		(5)100	(6)100	(5)100	
82-85	7/30		oil emulsion		(5)100		(6)100	(4)100	(6)100	
119-122	8/16		Tergitol		(21) 66.7		(11)100	(16)100	(9)100	
123-126	8/16		oil emulsion		(13)100		(16)100	(7)100	(9)100	
127-130	8/16		Tergitol	Market Military Co.	(6) 66.7		(1)100	(4)100	(3)100	
141-144	8/31	F 5 F F F F F	Tergitol		(7) 14.3		(5) 60.0	(5)80.0	(8) 62.5	
145-148	8/31		oil emulsion		(4)100	à	(6)100	(7)100	(6)100	
139-140	8/19	R. inerme	oil emulsion				(40) 95.0		(40) 97.5	

TABLE 2

RESULTS OF COMBINATION TESTS OF 2,4,5-T AND 2,4-D AQUEOUS SPRAY APPLIED WITH THE KNAPSACK SPRAYER

			PPM ₌ .	2,4,5-T 2,4-D	(No. Bus	shes) Pe	ercent Bush	n Kill		
Date	500	500	500	500	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	2000
Sprayed	500	1000	3000	5000	500	1000	2000	3000	5000	1000
				Ribe	s viscosis	simum				
6/15		(43)90.6								
6/29		(36)97.2	(47)100	(44)100		(56) 98.2		(53)100	(67)100	
7/31		(21)90.4			(32) 96.8	(24) 91.6	(27) 96.2			(23)100
9/1	(32)43.5	(48)43.5			(34) 67.6	(31) 90.3	(42) 59.5			
-				Ri	bes lacust	re				
6/17		(5)60.0	(7)100	(5)100		(3)100		(4)100	(4)100	
7/30	(6)66.7	(4)75.0			(5)100	(4)100	(3)100			
8/31	(4)0	(5)0			(4)0	(4) 25.0	(4)0			

The results in combining 2,4,5-T and 2,4-D as a mixed spray are shown in table 2. This series of plots was established to compare similar concentrations of 2,4,5-T with and without the addition of 2,4-D. Size of plot and dosage rate were the same in both instances. The computations show that for a total acid content of 3,000 p.p.m. or less, 2,4,5-T is less effective in combination with 2,4-D than when used alone. The mixed spray takes the characteristic of 2,4-D in being significantly less effective than 2,4,5-T alone on R. lacustre and R. viscosissimum after new growth has fully developed.

By comparison with knapsack spraying, the results in applying 2,4,5-T concentrates with the Hi-Fog gun are shown in table 3. Interest in these tests was between differences in concentration of 2,4,5-T, diluents, and season or growth stage of ribes when treated. These are the conclusions: (1) water plus 5 percent oil emulsion is as good a diluent as Diesel oil during the regular spray season, (2) Diesel oil should be used in late fall when night temperatures begin to drop below freezing when the acid tends to precipitate from solution, and (3) with low volume treatment the concentration of 2,4,5-T should never drop below 20,000 For late season work after August 15, the concentration of 2,4,5-T should be raised to 40,000 p.p.m. Failure in killing all bushes with the water plus oil emulsion formulation of 2,4,5-T at 20,000 p.p.m. or higher lies in the fact that root crowns were not adequately drenched. This is difficult to accomplish where R. viscosissimum grows in large numbers, and where the root centers of the trailing type R. lacustre cannot easily be found. Results will be better in both instances if the knapsack or power sprayers for large volume dosages are used instead of the Hi-Fog gun.

TABLE 3

RESULTS OF APPLYING 2,4,5-T CONCENTRATE SPRAY WITH THE HI-FOG GUN

					Parts Per	Million		
Plot	Date	Ribes	T I STEEL WA	43,000	21,500	14,333	10,750	
Nos.	Sprayed	Species	Diluent	(No. Bu	ishes) Per	cent Bush	Kill	
25-27	6/18	R. lacustre	Fuel Oil		(20) 95.0	(20) 90.0	(20) 95.0	
28-30	6/18		Fuel Oil & TBP					
31	6/18		Water		(20)100			
65 & 67	7/21	- 97 - Ca	H ₂ 0 & 10% 011	(23) 95.6	(21). 95.2			
66	7/21			H ₂ O & 5% Oil		(25) 92.0		
68-69	7/21			Fuel Oil	(20)100	(21) 95.2		
70=71	7/22		Fuel Oil & TBP	(22) 90.8	(20) 95.0			
72-73	7/22		Water	(20)100	(20)100			
91-92	7/30		Fuel Oil & TEP	(20) 55.0	(20) 60.0			
93-94	7/30		Fuel Oil	(20)100	(20) 95.0			
95-96	7/30		H20 \$ 5% 011	(20) 90.0	(20) 90.0		1015	
131-132	8/17		Fuel Oil	(7)100	(9) 88.9			
133-134	8/17		Fuel Oil & TRP	(15) 73.2	(10) 90.0			
135⇒136	8/17		Water	(6)100	(10) 80.0			
137-138	8/17		H20 & 5% 011	(9)100	(12)100			
154-155	9/2		Fuel Oil	(20)100	(20) 85.0		-	
156-157	9/2		Fuel Oil & TRP	(20) 60,0	COLUMN TO STREET, STRE			
158-159	9/2		H20 \$ 5% 011	(20) 90.0	(20) 85.0		-	
48⇔50	6/30	R. viscosissimum	DECEMBER OF THE PROPERTY OF TH		(40)100	(40)100	(40)100	
51⇔53	6/30		Fuel Oil & TBP		(40) 95.0	(40)100	(40) 97.5	
54-56	6/30		Water	CATALOG BOX COMPAN	(40)100	(40)100	(40) 92.5	
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68-69	7/21		Fuel Oil	(20)100	(20)100	Andrew Control of the	CONTRACTOR OF THE PARTY OF THE	
70-71	7/22		Fuel Oil & TRP	(20)100	(20)100			
72-73	7/22	THE BEST	Water	(20)100	(20)100	Complete Com	THE PERSON NAMED OF THE PE	
110-111	7/31	H ₂	H ₂ O & 5% Oil	(40)100	(40) 97.5			
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TABLE 3 (continued)

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Plot	Date		Ribes	fette blank nert		000	21	,500	14,333	10,750	
Nos.	Sprayed		Species	Diluent	(No. Bushes) Percent Bush Kill						
114-115	7/31	R.	viscosissimum	Fuel Oil & TBP	(40)	92.5	(40	90.0			
131-132	8/17			Fuel Oil	(25	100	(20	100			
133-134	8/17		a vide Konna a venila	Fuel Oil & TBP	(20)	80.0	(21	80.0			
135-136	8/17		Name of Street	Water	(15)	93.2	(15	86.7			
137-138	8/17	į		H20 & 5% 0il	(20)	100	(20	100			
173-174	9/1			Fuel Oil	(40)	100	(40	100			
175-176	9/1			Fuel Oil & TBP	(40	100	(40	95.0			
177-178	9/2			H20 & 5% Oil	(40)	100	(40	100			

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When the plots were first examined in May, many bushes were commencing to resprout or contained green cambium in the basal stems and root crowns. After noting how discolored and feeble the resprouts appeared and that most adventitious buds were dead on those bushes with green cambium in basal stems and root crowns, it was decided to re-examine the plots at three intervals during the growing season. A check of live and dead bushes in June, July, and October showed these interesting facts: (1) bushes in significant numbers continue to die until about July 1 regardless of the date when sprayed the previous season, (2) no resprouting was observed after July 1, (3) if all adventitious buds are dead and live stem killed within 6 inches of the root crown, no resprouting occurred, though the crown may stay green throughout the season, and (4) it was obvious that respraying should be delayed until mid-July or later so all resprouting bushes can be easily found and treated. A more desirable time to respray would be in May and June of the second season following initial spraying.

Such materials as tributyl phosphate and Geon 31-X latex added to 2,4,5-T spray to increase penetration or lower the rate of transpiration made a less effective formulation on ribes than a straight aqueous spray of 2,4,5-T. The tributyl phosphate tests are shown in table 3. There were three plots of the Geon 31-X latex series of 750 p.p.m. of 2,4,5-T to which was added 10 percent, 5 percent, and 1 percent latex compound. In plot 116 (10 percent latex), 9 R. viscosissimum and 5 R. lacustre were sprayed; the percent bush kill was 77.8 and 60, respectively. Plot 117 (5 percent latex) contained 8 R. viscosissimum and 7 R. lacustre; the percent bush kill was 87.5 and 42.7. In plot 118 (1 percent latex), 11 R. viscosissimum were sprayed, killing 91.1 percent, and 5 R. lacustre, killing 2 bushes or 40 percent.

HERBICIDES TESTED IN 1949

One newly introduced herbicide was tested on ribes this season: Weedone Brush Killer 32, a commercial mixture combining one and one—third lbs. of 2,4-D acid and two-thirds lb. of 2,4,5-T acid per gallon formulated as the butoxy ethanol esters plus emulsifying and penetrating agents. The object was to compare the effectiveness of this mixture with 2,4,5-T alone and a field mixture of 2,4-D and 2,4,5-T.

Knapsack and Hi-Fog gun tests. The first tests with brush killer 32 were established in the Clearwater Forest July 20. Four plots were sprayed with concentrations of 250, 500, 750, and 1,000 p.p.m. of 2,4,5-T. The concentration of 2,4-D would be approximately twice that of 2,4,5-T contained in brush killer 32. One gallon of spray was applied to each milacre plot. On July 28, 10 plots were established on Potter Creek in the Coeur d'Alene National Forest. Four plots were sprayed with 250, 500, 750, and 1,000 p.p.m. of 2,4,5-T in brush killer 32, and a fifth plot with 500 p.p.m. applied to leaves and stems only. The plots in the concentration series were treated by applying spray to the root crowns, stems, leaves, and growing stem tips of ribes. To compare the effectiveness of brush killer 32 with straight 2,4,5-T and mixed with 2,4-D, tests included three 2,4,5-T concentration plots and two of mixed solution. One of the latter contained 500 p.p.m. of 2,4,5-T and 1,000 p.p.m. of 2,4-D, and the other, 1,000 p.p.m. of 2,4,5-T and 2,000 p.p.m. of 2,4-D. The straight 2,4,5-T concentration tests included a 500 and a 1,000 p.p.m. conventionally applied, and one 500 p.p.m. plot in which spray was applied only to the aerial portion of ribes

bushes. The Potter Creek tests were made on R. viscosissimum. The identical tests were replicated on R. lacustre in Iron Creek July 29. In addition, four concentrate tests were made using 5,000 and 10,000 p.p.m. of 2,4,5-T straight in comparison to that contained in the commercial mixture brush killer 32. On August 3 and 4, the entire series of tests were replicated on LaClerc Creek in the Kaniksu National Forest. These plots contained both ribes species growing on a severe site. The last tests with brush killer 32 for the season in the Coeur d'Alene National Forest were established September 23 on Potter Creek (plot numbers 39 to 42). The concentrations of 5,000 and 10,000 p.p.m. of straight 2,4,5-T were compared with equal amounts contained in brush killer 32. Spray was applied with the Hi-Fog gun. In examining the Coeur d'Alene and Kaniksu plots in October, the only injury observed was the gradual dying-back of live stem typical of the way in which 2,4,5-T commences to kill a bush during the season of treatment.

Buffalo turbine tests. Seven readside tests of the turbine blower in applying an aqueous solution of 2,4,5-T in the Clearwater Forest were made in cooperation with F. O. Walters, M. C. Riley, and H. J. Faulkner. Two of the seven tests were double runs (the same ground sprayed from opposite directions). The other five plots were sprayed from a single direction. The concentration of 2,4,5-T varied from 1 to 5 percent with 5 percent oil emulsion added as a spreader material for the water formulation. The distance to which the mist spray can be blown depends upon slope, and direction and velocity of wind. On the average, it appears that about ½ chain can be effectively sprayed along the road with the fishtail nozzle. The oval nozzle reaches out from where the fishtail leaves off to about 1 chain distance from the blower. There is every indication from the way ribes are reacting that a satisfactory kill will be obtained. If so, the turbine blower affords a rather inexpensive method of spraying large populations of ribes along roadsides.

Applying 2,4,5-T by helicopter. The initial test in the western white pine region in spraying ribes and brush with 2,4,5-T by helicopter was made from June 21-27 in the Coeur d'Alene National Forest. The study was jointly undertaken by the Forest Service and the Bureau of Entomology and Plant Quarantine. Twelve 2-acre plots were established and treated to study dosage, concentration of 2,4,5-T, and the comparative effectiveness of oil and water diluents. Six of the plots were sprayed with a water-oil emulsion formulation and the other six with the diluent Diesel oil. Two dosage rates were used for each of the diluents, three plots getting 5 gallons of spray per acre and the other three getting 10 gallons. The proprietary material 2,4,5-T was applied at the rates of 1, 2, and 3 lbs. of acid per acre for the 5- and 10-gallon treatments. Final results will be reported in 1950. In the meantime, a special report has been prepared giving in detail methods and techniques employed in spraying by helicopter over mountainous terrain. A table is also included giving an estimate of probable damage to ribes, brush, and conifers. These data were taken 12 weeks after spraying. This special report can be obtained from the U. S. Forest Service, Missoula, Montana, or the Office of Blister Rust Control, Spokane, Washington.

STOCKING-RUST DAMAGE SURVEY, 1949 By R. T. Bingham, Pathologist

Training school

A 4-day school for training surveymen in the determination of forest stocking as affected by blister rust damage was held at Clarkia, Idaho, Blister Rust Headquarters, June 20 to 23, inclusive. A total of 36 men attended. Included in this number were surveymen, survey party leaders, and supervisory personnel from the blister rust control operations.

Training progressed daily as follows:

First day - Methods of examining white pines for blister rust cankers including blister rust life history, recognition of rust stages on ribes and white pine, dating of blister rust cankers, determination of killing cankers, examination of reproduction and pole size white pine for blister rust and killing cankers, tree climbing, and tree-climbing safety.

Second day - Silvicultural characteristics of western white pine including tolerance, dominance, and ability to express dominance under competition of Inland Empire coniferous tree species. Survey equipment and methods, including special equipment used in survey work, the stocked-quadrat and crop tree concepts, recognition of crop trees, occupancy of stocking quadrats by crop trees, determination of site index, demonstration of survey line examination, and trial runs of short, staked and strung survey lines by individual surveymen.

Third day - Practical application of survey methods and use of survey data forms including examination of 20 to 40 chains of survey lines by survey crews, recording survey line data, summarization of data taken from all lines on the surveyed area, mapping data taken on the surveyed area, and interpretation of the mapped data.

Fourth day - Training in recognition of the symptoms of pole blight of western white pine, conducted by Dr. T. S. Buchanan and Mr. George M. Harvey of the University of Idaho School of Forestry, Department of Forest Pathology.

A "Northwestern Region Stocking-Rust Damage Survey Manual, 1949," prepared in the spring of 1949, was issued to all personnel attending the school.

Report of survey coverage for 1949

Nine parties composed of 41 leaders and surveymen made stocking and rust damage surveys in the 6 blister rust control operations of this region. Approximately 900 miles of survey line were run by the various Forest Service and Bureau of Entomology and Plant Quarantine parties.

Additional survey lines were run in many working units given only preliminary surveys in 1948 to secure more complete information. Many unsurveyed units were also investigated. It is anticipated that the large amount of survey work completed in 1948 and 1949 will make possible a material reduction in the size

and cost of future survey jobs. The work of the last 2 years, approximating 2,000 miles of survey line, has provided most of the white pine stocking and rust damage information needed for completion of unit area analyses.

Methods investigations related to survey work

Mr. C. A. Wellner of the Forest Experiment Station and Mr. D. J. Moore of the Division of Timber Management, U. S. Forest Service, Region 1, cooperated with the office of Blister Rust Control in an investigation of mortality rates among white pine crop trees 60 years or more of age. This work was done to determine whether mortality among such trees as predicted by present survey calculations was substantially correct. Results showed annual percent mortality on the Experiment Station's plots to be close enough to that predicted by survey calculations (2/3 of 1 percent per year) so that change in calculating methods was not ware ranted. These men also prepared a revised yield table to predict timber yields in the western white pine type, for use in unit area analysis.

Periodic field checks were made upon the accuracy of survey results. Of particular interest was the accuracy of the percentage of white pine stocking and the accuracy of the percentage of the white pine stocking lost to blister rust for any given area. In general, the percentages of white pine stocking and rust loss were accurate within plus or minus 15 percent of the percentages themselves in two out of three cases. Investigations to determine whether results of equal reliability could be obtained by widening the interval between survey lines hold some promise for reducing the cost of survey work. On areas several sections or more in size, survey lines at 40 chain intervals gave equally reliable percentages of loss in white pine stocking due to rust. On the same large areas, survey lines at 20 chain intervals gave equally reliable percentages of white pine stocking.

PHOTOGRAPHIC AND EDUCATIONAL WORK, 1949

By

Frank O. Walters, Assistant Regional Leader
H. Miller Cowling, Photographic Specialist

Photographic

The most important field photography this year was recording the initial helicopter spraying work in this region. Every phase of the project was recorded by moving and still pictures. Picture points were established to make a continuous record of the results. This will be an addition to the several other series pictures, which have been carried over a period of years and have proven valuable records.

Cooperation was given agencies carrying on pole blight studies. Pictures were taken of the various phases of the disease in the Coeur d'Alene and Kaniksu National Forests. Pictures were processed for the research laboratories.

Three days were spent in Glacier National Park taking motion and still pictures of all phases of the work. The purpose was to secure pictures for use in the educational and training programs. Duplicate films have been made of the motion pictures to be used for demonstration purposes and for inclusion in the Northwestern Region's film, "A Destructive Invader," when a revision is made.

All maps, tables, and photographs appearing in this report have been processed for printing by the photographic section.

Educational

Two large groups were shown phases of blister rust control in the field. The Timber Products Bureau of the Spokane Chamber of Commerce visited the Forest Service Nursery at Haugan, Montana, and adjacent logging and milling operations. The group saw how white pine seedlings are raised in the nursery and inspected the severe blister rust damage in the unprotected white pine stands in Deer Creek. One luncheon meeting of the Moscow, Idaho, Chamber of Commerce was devoted to blister rust. The film, "A Destructive Invader," was shown. High lights of the probelm in Idaho were outlined by the Regional Leader. Later in the week, members of the Chamber were conducted on a tour covering parts of the St. Joe operation where they saw extensive potential white pine resources in plantations and natural pole and reproduction areas. Large scale logging operations brought out the economic importance of the white pine industry.

The new western blister rust film, "A Destructive Invader," has been in almost constant use since it was received. It has had 34 showings with 2,255 people in attendance.

The movie film, "Blister Rust Enemy of the Pines," has been loaned to the film library of the Spokane public schools. It is being used both in the grades and high schools for courses in biology and Washington State history.

A blister rust exhibit at the Sportsmen's Fair in Spokane occupied a prominent place and was viewed by 50,000 people. Use was made of live pine and ribes to indicate the life cycle of the disease. Pictures which had been colored helped to make the booth attractive. An important part of the exhibit was a diorama prepared by the Forest Service. A similar exhibit was on display in Priest River, Idaho, during the log drive celebration. An estimated 6,000 people saw this display.

PHOTOGRAPHIC, MULTILITH, BLACKLINE, AND MIMEOGRAPH WORK

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Lantern slides, natural colo	192		192
Films developed, field films	109		109
roll film	2		2
packs	2		2
Copies, 5x7	31		31
8x10	129	25	154
Printing, 4x5 or smaller	142	220	362
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9xll	772	95	867
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9x12	34		34
16x20	6	317	323
Total Items	2,810	725	3,535
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Duplimats	156		156
Plates	183	22	205
Cards	2,000	1,500	3,500
Sheets	72,800	4,000	76,800
Total Prints	74,800	5,500	80,300
BLACKLINE P	RINTER		
Total Prints	1,665	64	1,729
MIMEOGRAI		Tradition of	
Stencils	50		50
Sheets	14,550		14,550
GRAND TOTAL All Items	94,214	6,311	100,525



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Exhibit at the 1949 Spokane Sportsmen's Fair. Diorama at the right prepared by the U. S. Forest Service.

- 1. Regional Leader in Charge, H. E. Swanson, Pathologist
- 2. Assistant Regional Leader, F. O. Walters, Pathologist
- 3. Cooperative Local Control:
 - a. Clearwater Operation, Idaho:
 Operation Supervisor, M. C. Riley, Forester
 Assistant Operation Supervisor, H. J. Faulkner, Forester
 Camp Superintendent, William Holland, Agent (Fur. eff. 12/1/49)

 - c. Coeur d'Alene Operation, Idaho:
 Operation Supervisor, F. J. Heinrich, Pathologist
 - d. Kaniksu Operation, Idaho-Washington: Operation Supervisor, H. A. Brischle, Pathologist Asst. Operation Super., S. S. Evans, Agent (Trans. to F.S. 2/21/49) Unit Supervisor, L. J. Easley, Agent (Fur. eff. 11/17/49)
 - e. Montana Operation:
 Operation Supervisor, A. S. Skoglund, Pathologist
 - f. National Parks, Washington-Montana-Wyoming:
 Operation Supervisor, J. C. Gynn, Pathologist
 Assistant Operation Supervisor, C. M. Chapman, Pathologist

4. Projects:

- a. Education and Information:
 - H. M. Cowling, Photographic Specialist
 - J. C. Gonyou, Draftsman
- b. Disease Survey and Scouting
 - R. T. Bingham, Pathologist
- c. Methods Development and Control Investigation (BLR 1-6):
 - V. D. Moss, Forest Ecologist
 - J. F. Breakey, Pathologist
 - C. R. Stillinger, Pathologist (Retired 6/30/49)

(Personnel assigned to Northwestern Region by H. R. Offord)

- 5. Business Administration and Clerical:
 - a. S. J. Dorick, Administrative Assistant
 - E. K. LaPrey, Storekeeper
 - L. C. Miller, Automobile Mechanic
 - b. M. L. McWold, Administrative Assistant, Fiscal
 - M. C. Yourt, Clerk
 - c. M. P. Kirsten, Clerk
 - A. B. Treffry, Secretary (Steno.)
 - M. I. Williams, Clerk-Stenographer (Resigned 2/18/49)
 - J. L. Radkey, Clerk-Typist
 - d. L. E. Klatt, Administrative Assistant, Personnel
 - E. E. Smith, Clerk-Stenographer

APPROPRIATIONS BUREAU OF ENTOROLOGY AND PLANT QUARANTINE NORTHWESTERS REGION OF BLISTER RUST CONTROL

Regular Appropriations

Piscal Year 1949:

Project	71.14	ME	(Administrative)
			(Cooperative)

111,000.00

\$245,089.00

Fiscal Year 1950 (as of 12/31/49):

Project	N-0.14	EM	(Administrative)
Project	H-0,14	新 斯	(Cooperative)

\$138,000,00 107,350,00

245,350,00

Contributed Funds (deposited with U. S. Treasury)

State of Idaho Clearwater Timber Protective Association Potlatch Timber Protective Association Priest Lake Timber Protective Association

\$6,531,28

5,430.30 4,055.00 16,016.58

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TABLE 1

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES, NORTHWESTERS REGION OF BLISTER RUST CONTROL CALENDAR YRAR 1949, REGULAR APPROPRIATIONS

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- CONTRACTOR	Planning, Coordination, Technical Direction	Andrews and the second		A LONG TO THE STATE OF THE STAT
	1.1 - Glearwater Operation, Idaho	\$ 6,516.33	\$ 1,509.17	
	1.2 - St. Joe Operation, Idaho	8,313.78	5,140.34	13,454,12
	1.3 - Coour d'Alone Operation, Idano	2,918,81	454.09	8,572.90
	1.4 - Kaniksu Operation, Idaho	5,849.15	1,257,06	6,906,2)
	1.60 - Cabinet Operation, Montana	1,527.66	299,23	1,826,89
	1.6% - Kootenai Operation, Montana 1.7 - Mational Parks	1,527.67	299,22	1,826,89
	1.7 - Mational Parks	5,186,53	876,50	6,063.03
	1.A - Office Maintenance	16,527,61	5,128,71	21,656,32
	1.8 - Supervision	6,791,11	266,54	7,057.6
	1.0 - Education and Information	2,308,68	283,65	2,592,33
	1.D - Control Investigations	THE CONTRACTOR OF THE PROPERTY	13.91	13.9
	1.E - Methods Development	Control of the contro	247.91	247.91
	Total, Project I, Jan. 1-June 30, 1949	8 57,267,33	\$15,776,33	\$ 73,043,60
III	Cooperative Ribes Eradication on State		AND ASSESSMENT OF THE PROPERTY	An country (1999) - Country of the group of a country and a contract of the country of the count
	and Private Lands			
	5.1 - Clearwater Operation, Idaho	\$ 10,974.84	\$ 3,496,66	\$ 14,471.50
	3.2 - St. Joe Operation, Idaho	7,411,56	1,635.54	9,047,10
	3.4 - Kaniksu Operation, Idaho	1,682.75	1,028,29	2,711.00
	Total, Project III, Jan. 1-Jame 30, 1949	\$ 20,069,15	\$ 6,160,49	
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o astonanos casos	1.1 - Clearwater Operation, Idaho	\$ 5,009.85*	\$ 1,130.82	\$ 6,140.6
	1.2 - St. Joe Operation, Idaho	7,718.75*	1,509.84	9,228.6
	1.3 - Coeur d'Alene Operation, Idaho	1,759.48*	404.85	2,164.33
	1.4 - Kaniksu Operation, Idaho	3,920.07*	842,28	4,762.8
	1.60 - Cabinet Operation, Montana	871.05*	255,10	1,126.1
	1.6K - Kootenai Operation, Montana	871.05*	255.11	1,126.1
	1.7 - National Parks	4,970.28	1,217,67	6, 187.9
	1.A - Office Maintenance	15,375.92	4,575.37	19,951,2
	1.3 - Supervision	6,420,05	524.04	6,944.0
	1.C - Education and Information	2,204,78	286,99	2,491.7
	1.D - Control Investigations	1,052,26*	431.43	1,483.69
	1.E - Methods Development	State of the state	75.94	75.9
	Total, Project I, July 1-Dec. 31, 1949	\$ 50,173.54	\$11,509,44	8 61,682.9
III	3.1 - Clearwater Operation, Idaho	\$ 22,801.06	\$ 5,749,84	\$ 28,550.9
	3.1 - Clearwater Operation, Idaho 3.2 - St. Joe Operation, Idaho	30,332,31	5,093,81	35,426,1
	3.4 - Kaniksu Operation, Idaho	2,535,36	6,710,90	9,246.2
	Total, Project III, July 1-Dec. 31, 1949		\$17,584.65	\$ 73,223,20
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^{*}Salaries of operation supervisors repaid to our appropriation by the Forest Service not included in these totals, nor are any other items included for which repayment has been made by the Forest Service, National Park Service, or Fruit Fly Investigations.

SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES FROM STATE AND PRIVATE FUNDS, 1928 - 1949, IDAHO

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Year	State		Total
1928	3 82,518,55	2,284,32	BESCH CONTO
1929		19,027.66	19,027,66
1930		20,000,00	20,000,00
1931	5,000,00	35,905,32	40,908.32
1.082	8,003,43	11,186,33	19,189,76
1933			
1934	29,154,06		29,154,00
1936	15,000,00		15,000.00
1986	16,998,25		16,998.28
1987	15,001,25		15,001,21
1938	18,000,44	NUMBER OF STREET OF STREET STREET, STR	15,000,44
1959	15,438,04		15,438,04
1940	10,034,48		10,034,46
1941	7,542,73	15,756,40	23,299,13
1942	22,761,68	16,440.78	38,202,46
1943	12,252,13	386,68	12,638,81
1944	12,506,60	18,612,98	28,119,58
1945	6,287,68	5,111,08	11,598,71
1946	14,945,35	26,001.05	41,595,00
1947	15,028,11	15,909,24	30,937,38
1946	20,025,00	15,953.94	35,978,94
1949	20,008,08	16,016,58	36,019,61
Total	3263,493,81	0216,222,91	